

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 13 February 2017

Following a reading of Psalm 36, Mrs Lis Boyce and Canon Phillip Colgan opened the meeting in prayer.

Death of Justice Richard Gee

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Justice Richard Gee on 2 January 2017.

Australia Day Honours

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

The Rev Dr Michael Spence (AC), a member of the parish of Centennial Park, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney, for eminent service to leadership of the tertiary education sector, to the advancement of equitable access to educational opportunities, to developing strategic programs focussed on multidisciplinary research, and to the Anglican Church.

Professor John Boyages (AM), a member of the parish of Beecroft, for significant service to medicine in the specialty of radiation oncology as a clinician, to medical education, to professional organisations and to people with breast cancer.

Emeritus Professor William Maxwell (AM), a member of the parish of Beecroft, for significant service to veterinary science in the field of animal reproductive biology through academic and advisory roles.

Professor Christopher Semsarian (AM), a member of the parish of St George North, for significant service to medicine in the field of cardiology as a clinician, administrator and educator, and to the community.

Mr Philip Twyman (AM), a member of the parish of North Sydney, for significant service to the insurance industry, as a mentor and role model in business, and to international relations.

The Rev Dr Roger Chilton (OAM), the rector of the parish of Pymble, for service to the Anglican Church of Australia, and to the community.

Mr Ronald Dryburgh (OAM), a member of the parish of Albion Park, for service to the community of Albion Park.

Dr Allan Fife (OAM), a member of the parish of Kirribilli, for service to aged welfare, to business, and to the property sector.

Mrs Margaret McMahon (OAM), a member of the parish of Moorebank, for service to community health.

Mrs Helen Miller (OAM), a member of the parish of Turramurra, for service to veterans and their families.

Mrs Lynnette Molan (OAM), a member of the parish of West Pennant Hills, for service to the community, particularly to those mourning the loss of a child.

Mrs Patricia Spooner (OAM), Honorary Secretary of the Opportunity Shop, St John's Church, Gordon, for service to the community through volunteer roles.

Mr Charles Wade (OAM), a member of the parish of Darling Point, for service to the community through a range of volunteer roles.

Ms Alicia Watson (OAM), a member of the parish of Darling Point, for service to the community through church and fundraising bodies.

Mr Richard York (OAM), currently residing in the Czech Republic, for service to Australian-Czech relations.

and also congratulated the Hon Justice Stephen Gageler (AC), for eminent service to the law and to the judiciary through contributions in the areas of constitutional, public, international, common and criminal law, to legal reform, education and academic discourse, and to professional organisations.

Archbishop's Commissary

Standing Committee noted the Archbishop had signed a new Commissary document.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 5 December 2016.

Ordinances

Diocesan Cash Investment Fund Ordinance 2016 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Diocesan Cash Investment Fund Ordinance 2016.

Huskisson Trust Ordinance 2017

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

Huskisson Land Sale Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the sale of certain land at 17 Hawke Street, Huskisson and 48-52 Paradise Beach Road, Sanctuary Point.

Watson's Bay Land Sale Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the sale of certain land in the parish of Watsons Bay.

Dural District Trust Ordinance 2015

Standing Committee received a letter from the wardens of Dural District Anglican Churches.

Elections

Members of the 51st Synod under Part 7 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee noted that, pursuant to clause 32 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995*, the Archbishop has advised Standing Committee he intends to appoint 25 Nominated Ministers as members of the 51st Synod under Part 7.

Election of members of the 51st Synod under Part 8 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed –

- (a) that the to consider appointing 25 members of the 51st Synod under Part 8 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* at the meeting on 1 May 2017, and
- (b) that nominations for the election will close at 5.00 pm on 21 April 2017.

Anglican Education Commission

Bishop Chris Edwards was elected.

Barker College, The Council of

Mr Peter Berkley was elected.

Evangelism and New Churches Board, Department of

The Rev Simon Gillham was elected.

General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on

Standing Committee noted the mandate for the 2017 General Synod is expected to be issued in early March and the Registrar will then determine and notify Standing Committee the number of representatives to be appointed by Sydney Diocese.

New College Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that 2 vacancies will arise in the membership of New College Limited at the Annual General meeting of the company on 3 May 2017, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling the vacancies at its meeting on 20 March 2017 with effect from the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Robert Menzies College

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that vacancies for 3 members appointed by the Standing Committee will arise at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling those vacancies at its meeting on 20 March 2017 with effect from the Annual General Meeting.

SCECGS Redlands Limited

Existing vacancy

Vacancy for a person to be appointed by SDS on the recommendation of the Standing Committee as declared 21 March 2016.

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that a vacancy for 1 person to be appointed as a director of SCECGS Redlands will arise at the conclusion of the 2017 AGM, and
- (a) agreed to consider making a recommendation to SDS to fill this vacancy at its meeting on 20 March 2017.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited Glebe Administration Board Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Safe Ministry Board Stipends and Allowances Committee Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of – Dr Irmgard Pascoe had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Abbotsleigh, the Council of – Mr Euan Campbell had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a layman.

- (c) Arden School Council – the Rev Roger Green had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a clergyman.
- (d) Stipends and Allowances Committee – the Rev Dane Courtney had resigned with effect from 30 April 2017 and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (e) Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representative on – the Rev Dane Courtney had resigned with effect from 30 April 2017 and a vacancy was declared for a member of clergy.
- (f) Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney (Youthworks), Council of – the Rev Stuart Crawshaw had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of clergy.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Report of the Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

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

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (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 2015 and October 2016,
- (b) agreed to the revised form of Service Level Standards document for the Synod and Standing Committee for services provided by SDS during 2017, and
- (c) commended SDS for the high standard of services provided to the Standing Committee and Synod in 2016.

Amendment to regulation

Standing Committee amended its *Regulation for the use of agendas and supplementary agendas by the Standing Committee*.

Request for report

Standing Committee requested that a report be provided to a future meeting proposing a system for electronic voting at Synod, including consideration of cost and potential problems, remedies and security issues.

Diocesan Research Officer

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted the high standard of service provided by the Diocesan Research Officer in 2016,
- (b) recognised that the Diocesan Research Officer role is a necessary part of the Diocese, and
- (c) recommended to the Diocesan Resources Committee that funding be provided in the next funding triennium for the ongoing services of a Diocesan Research Officer.

Financial Matters

Safe Ministry Training

Standing Committee received a report from the Registrar on Safe Ministry Training.

Freedom for Faith – affiliation fees

Standing Committee received a report from Bishop Michael Stead and authorised the annual affiliation fee for Freedom For Faith from 2017 onward.

Diocesan Research Officer

Standing Committee received a report and requested the Diocesan Resources Committee to allocate funding in the 2018 Synod Budget for the role of the Diocesan Research Officer.

Parish of Longueville – calculation of net operating receipts and use of bequest

Standing Committee received a report prepared by the parish.

Synod

5/16 Gambling reform

Standing Committee noted responses to resolution 5/16 received from –

The Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier of NSW

Mr David Jansen on behalf of Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Federal Minister for Communications”

11/16 Asylum seekers

Standing Committee noted a response to resolution 11/16 received from the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.

17/16 South Australian Voluntary Euthanasia Bill

Standing Committee noted that responses to resolution 17/16 have been received from the following members of the South Australian Parliament –

The Hon Leon Bignell MP

The Hon Geoffrey Brock MP

The Hon Susan Close MP

Mr Mark Goldsworthy MP

The Hon Martin Hamilton-Smith MP

The Hon Stephanie Key MP

Dr Duncan McFetridge MP

Mr Michael Pengilly MP

The Hon John Rau MP, the Attorney-General

26/16 Debate concerning same-sex marriage

Standing Committee noted that responses to resolution 26/16 have been received from the following members of the Federal Parliament –

Senator the Hon George Brandis QC

Ms Terri Butler MP

The Hon Steven Ciobo MP

Senator the Hon Don Farrell

Senator Skye Kakoschke-Moore

Mr Julian Leeser MP

Senator the Hon James McGrath

Senator the Hon Fiona Nash

Senator Barry O'Sullivan

The Hon Marise Payne

The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP

The Hon Christian Porter MP

Senator the Hon Scott Ryan

Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO

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

Standing Committee received a report.

Other Matters

Regulation for assessing the strategic value of retaining parish property for the purposes of the Diocesan Mission

Standing Committee amended the Regulation of the Standing Committee headed "Assessing the strategic value of retaining parish property for the purposes of the Diocesan Mission".

Submission to the Senate Select Committee on the Exposure Draft of the Marriage Act (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill

Standing Committee noted the submission to the Senate Select Committee on the Exposure Draft of the Marriage Act (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill that was lodged on behalf of the Diocese by the Religious Freedom Reference Group.

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd

Standing Committee approved amendments to the constitution of SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd.

Social Issues Committee research concerning disability

The Standing Committee approved the Project "The Experiences of People Living with Disability in the Sydney Diocese of the Anglican Church", to be jointly undertaken by the Social Issues Committee and 2017 ADM Senior Research Fellow Dr Louise Gosbell, subject to The University of Notre Dame Human Ethics Committee approval and any relevant approvals signoff from the Diocesan Secretary.

Establishment of the School Council of Mamre Anglican School

Standing Committee received a notification from the Corporate Secretary, Anglican Schools Corporation, regarding the establishment of the School Council of Mamre Anglican School.

Date of next meeting

Monday 20 March 2017.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 20 March 2017

Following a reading of Psalm 37, Mr John Pascoe and Archdeacon Kara Hartley opened the meeting in prayer.

Archbishop's matter

The Archbishop briefed the Standing Committee about the recent Bishops' Conference.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 13 February 2017.

Resignation of Bishop Greg Thompson

Standing Committee noted media releases from the Diocese of Newcastle regarding the resignation of Bishop Greg Thompson.

Dr Neil Mathieson Cameron

Standing Committee, noting that Dr Neil Cameron has tendered his resignation as a member of the Standing Committee after a tenure of nearly 47 years, having attended his first meeting in May 1970, recorded its profound thanks to Neil for his long and unselfish service to the Diocese of Sydney chiefly through its governance structures.

Ordinances

Kensington Eastlakes Trust Ordinance 2017

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

St Ives Land Sale Ordinance 2017

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

Investment of Church Trust Property Ordinance 1990 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Investment of Church Trust Property Ordinance 1990*.

Mulgoa (Warragamba) Land Sale Ordinance 2008

Standing Committee extended the period in which the land in folio identifier 78/210649 known as 4 Weir Road, Warragamba and the site of St Paul's Warragamba can be sold, to 20 March 2020.

Elections

Election of members of the 51st Synod under Part 8 of the Sydney Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Affiliated Churches Committee

The Rev Philip Wheeler was elected.

Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney (Youthworks), Council of

The Rev Michael Leite was elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on

Standing Committee received a report from the Registrar and –

- (a) declared vacancies for 3 lay persons and 2 members of clergy, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling these vacancies at its meeting on 1 May 2017.

New College Limited

Mr Stephen Hodgkinson was elected. The remaining vacancy for a person was deferred.

Robert Menzies College

Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo, Mr Paul Mendham and Dr Boyo Ockinga were elected.

Stipends and Allowances Committee

The Rev Ross Ryan was elected. The remaining vacancy for a person was deferred.

SCECGS Redlands Limited

Standing Committee recommended to SDS that Mr Gavin Starr be reappointed as a director of SCECGS Redlands upon the expiry of his current term at the end of the forthcoming AGM.

**Abbotsleigh, The Council of
Arden School Council
Glebe Administration Board
Safe Ministry Board
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney – The Rev Andrew Bruce had resigned with effect from 7 April 2017 and a vacancy was declared for a member of clergy.
- (b) Sydney Church of England Grammar School (SHORE) – Dr Ian Hargreaves had resigned and vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (c) Abbotsleigh, the Council of – The Rev Ian Millican had resigned with effect from 30 April 2017 and a vacancy was declared for a clergy man.
- (d) The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of – Mr Karl Taylor 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 Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

Diocesan Endowment – Report on Investment Performance December 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.

General Synod statutory assessment rebate

Standing Committee received a report.

1 York Street Annual Income Beneficiaries Report

Standing Committee received a report.

Report from the Work Outside the Diocese Committee

Standing Committee received a report.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 51st Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

22/15 Proposal for a Property Receipts Levy

Standing Committee received a report from the Chair of the Large Receipts Policy Review Committee.

35/15 Review of regional councils

Request for amending ordinance

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to prepare a suitable amending ordinance to the *Regions Ordinance 1995* to insert a purpose clause and reduce the required meetings per annum from four to one with appropriate caveats.

Impediments to the effectiveness of regional councils

Standing Committee recognised that the effectiveness of a regional council to convene, plan, implement and resource regional ministry strategies is constrained when there are limited funds available.

14/16 Funding for Urban Renewal

Standing Committee received the report “Church attendance growth: Australian research on growth factors” as the response of the Strategic Research Group to Standing Committee’s request of 14 November 2016.

Other Matters

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee noted a progress report and agreed to amend the Terms of Reference of the Strategic Research Group.

Submission to the Joint Parliamentary Inquiry into the Status of the Human Right to Freedom of Religion or Belief

Standing Committee received a report from the Chair of the Religious Freedom Reference Group.

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report

Standing Committee received a report from the Mission Property Committee.

Publication in Spanish of *Masters of the English Reformation* by Sir Marcus Loane

Standing Committee noted a letter from the Rev Gregory Blaxland regarding the publication of *Masters of the English Reformation* in Spanish.

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Review

Standing Committee noted a report from the Chair of the Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board, Mr James Flavin.

Date and location of next meeting

Standing Committee noted that the next meeting of the Standing Committee on 1 May 2017 will be held in the Chapter House, St Andrew’s Cathedral.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 1 May 2017

Following a reading of Psalm 38, Mr James Flavin and Bishop Peter Hayward opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 20 March 2017.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Mission Property Committee Strategic update

Standing Committee received a report from the Chair of the Mission Property Committee.

Progress report on Clergy Contact Person program

Standing Committee received a progress report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Ordinances

Camden Trust Ordinance 2017

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

Camden Land Sale Ordinance 2017

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

Hunters Hill Trust Ordinance 2014 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Hunters Hill Trust Ordinance 2014.

Evangelism and New Churches Incorporation Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to change the name of the body known as the Department of Evangelism and New Churches and to enable the constitution of its members as a body corporate pursuant to the provisions of the Anglican Church of Australia (Bodies Corporate) Act 1938.

Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2015 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2015 to provide for a sum of money to be allocated to the development of online Safe Ministry training.

Regions Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Regions Ordinance 1995.

Elections

Appointment of Returning officers for the 1st session of the 51st 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 1st session of the 51st Synod.

Declaration of nominated organisations for the 51st Synod under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee agreed to consider declaring up to 5 nominated organisations for the 51st Synod at its meeting on 29 May 2017.

Election of members of the 51st Synod under Part 8 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

The following persons were elected –

Mr Colin Adams	Mrs Emma Penzo
Mr Peter Berkley	Mr Matthew Robson
Dr John Collier	Dr Claire S Smith
Mrs Gillian Davidson	Dr Karin N Sowada
Miss Deborah J Earnshaw	Dr Sylvia Steel
Miss Jennifer S Flower	Mr Mark Streeter
Mrs Nicola G Fortescue	Ms Emma Thornett
Mrs Julianne J Jones	Dr Robert Tong AM
Mr Francis S Kim	Ms Jane Tooher
Ms Jennifer Lambert	Dr Stephen Twigg
Dr Robert Mackay	Mrs Melinda West
Mr Graham R Murray	Mrs Alison Woof
Dr David P Nockles	

Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney

The Rev Andrew Schmidt was elected.

Arden School Council

The Rev Evan McFarlane was elected.

General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on

The following members of the clergy were elected –

The Rev Andrew Bruce
The Rev James Harricks
The Rev Caitlin Hurley
The Rt Rev Ross Nicholson
The Rev Catherine Wynn Jones

The following lay persons were elected –

Ms Kirsty Bucknell
Miss Jenny Flower
Ms Stephanie Menear
Mrs Emma Penzo
Mr Gilbert van der Jagt

Sydney Church of England Grammar School (SHORE)

Mr Adrian Blake was elected.

SCECGS Redlands Limited

Standing Committee recommended to the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat that it appoint Ms Kylie Binnekamp to fill the vacancy for a director on SCECGS Redlands Ltd with effect from Monday 8 May 2017.

**Abbotsleigh, The Council of
Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited
Glebe Administration Board
New College Limited
Safe Ministry Board
Stipends and Allowances Committee
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Standing Committee, lay person elected by the whole Synod – Dr Neil Cameron had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Order of Business Committee, Synod – the Rev Dane Courtney ceased being a member with effect from 30 April 2017 upon ceasing to be a member of the Synod at that date.
- (c) Affiliated Churches Committee – Dr Neil Cameron had resigned and a vacancy was declared.
- (d) General Synod Relations Committee – Dr Neil Cameron had resigned.
- (e) SCECGS Redlands Ltd – Mr Gavin Starr had resigned and vacancy was declared for a person to be appointed by Sydney Diocesan Secretariat on the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

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 reports concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Glebe Administration Board.

Diocesan Endowment review of performance 2010-2016

Diocesan Endowment – Provision for distribution in 2017 for spending by the Synod in 2018

A presentation was given.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 51st Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

25/14 Theology of Communion and Catholicity

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

Other Matters

Review of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE)

Standing Committee noted a media release by the Archbishop on 1 April 2017 following the release of a review of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE).

Amendments to the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

Standing Committee agreed to proposed changes to the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisation.

Amendments to Diocesan Policy Statement on Education

Standing Committee agreed to proposed changes to the Diocesan Policy Statement on Education.

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report – March 2017 quarter

Standing Committee received a report from the Mission Property Committee.

Date of next meeting

Monday 29 May 2017.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 29 May 2017

Following a reading of Psalm 39, Mr Michael Easton and the Rev Justin Moffatt opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 1 May 2017.

GAFCON Primates Communique April 2017

Standing Committee –

- (a) welcomed the communique of the GAFCON Primates of 29 April 2017 and the intention of the Primates to consecrate a missionary bishop, who will be tasked with providing episcopal leadership for faithful Anglicans who find themselves outside the structures of any Anglican province, especially in Europe, but desire episcopal leadership, and
- (b) strongly encouraged the Archbishop to participate in the consecration of such a missionary bishop as a sign of solidarity with the GAFCON Primates and those seeking such episcopal leadership.

Ordinances

Parramatta Trust Ordinance 2017

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

Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney Ordinance 1919 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney Ordinance 1919.

St Andrew's Cathedral Land Sale Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the sale of certain land at 27B Pemberton Street, Strathfield West and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Elections

Standing Committee, lay person elected by the whole Synod

Dr Robert Mackay was elected.

Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of

Dr Sook Peng (Sue) Ng was elected.

Declaration of nominated organisations for the 51st Synod under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

**Abbotsleigh, The Council of
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**SCECGS Redlands Limited
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Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Barker College, The Council of – the Rev Adam Lamb had resigned and vacancy was declared for member of the clergy of the Anglican Church in Australia.
- (b) Camperdown Cemetery Trust – Mr Hector C Abrahams had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Diocesan Endowment – Report on Investment Performance March 2017

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.

Anglicare – financial statements for Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society

Standing Committee received a letter from Anglicare.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 51st Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Clergy Assistance Program

Standing Committee received a report and requested the Diocesan Secretary to express its appreciation to Anglicare for its delivery of the Clergy Assistance Program and the high quality of Anglicare counsellors.

Proposed General Synod Canon to prescribe minimum standards and guidelines in connection with ministry to children

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Registrar.

Other Matters

Attendance in Sydney Anglican churches between 2002 and 2015

Standing Committee received a report from the Strategic Research Group.

Date of next meeting

Monday 26 June 2017.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 26 June 2017

Following a reading of Psalm 40 by Bishop Peter Hayward, Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo and the Rev Craig Roberts opened the meeting in prayer.

Chairman

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

Welcome to Dr Robert Mackay

Standing Committee welcomed Dr Robert Mackay to the meeting as a member elected by the whole Synod.

Queen's birthday honours

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

Mr Michael Crouch AO – a member of the parish of Darling Point – a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) for eminent service to the community through philanthropic contributions to youth, cultural, medical research and health care organisations, to business in the areas of manufacturing and international trade, and as a supporter of innovation and higher education.

Mrs Beverley Dykes – a member of the parish of Carlingford – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community through a range of roles.

Mr Robert Erskine – a member of the parish of Hunters Hill – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Hunters Hill.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 29 May 2017.

Appointment of Secretary

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

Appointment of next Chief Executive Officer of Youthworks

Standing Committee congratulated the Rev Craig Roberts on his appointment as the next Chief Executive Officer of Youthworks (Council of Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney). Standing Committee recognised the importance of ministry to children and young people and assured Craig of its ongoing prayers as he undertakes this new role.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

General Synod 2017 Session

Standing Committee received a report from the General Synod Relations Committee.

Ordinances

Newtown with Erskineville Trust Ordinance 2017

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

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to update the governance arrangements for the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

Elections

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

Standing Committee, under clause 34 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995*, noted that the following 25 persons have been appointed by the Archbishop as members of the 51st Synod under Part 7 of that ordinance –

The Rev Canon Christopher Allan*	South Sydney
The Rev Susan Ah Rum An	Northern
The Rev Neil Atwood*	Western Sydney
The Rev Dr Colin Bale*	South Sydney
The Rev Benjamin Bathgate	Georges River
The Rev Lisa Boyd*	Western Sydney
The Rev Dr Nicholas Foord*	Northern
The Rev Dr Andrew Ford*	Wollongong
The Rev Katrina Haggart*	Northern
The Rev David Hohne	South Sydney
The Rev Caitlin Hurley*	South Sydney
The Rev Cameron Hyslop	Wollongong
The Rev Dr Edward Loane	South Sydney
The Rev David Mansfield*	Wollongong
The Rev Gary O'Brien*	Northern
The Rev Archie Poulos*	South Sydney
The Rev Dr Margaret Powell*	Georges River
The Rev Dr Willis (Bill) Salier*	South Sydney
The Rev Hayden Smith*	Northern
The Rev Tara Stenhouse*	South Sydney
The Rev Jenni Stoddart	Northern
The Rev Luther Symons	Wollongong
The Rev Ken Lap Ming Tang	Western Sydney
The Rev Peter Tong	Northern
The Rev Chun Pong Au (Danny) Yeung*	Western Sydney

* indicates a current Synod member under Part 7.

Affiliated Churches Committee

Dean Kanishka Raffel was elected.

Camperdown Cemetery Trust

Ms Brianna Jessup was elected.

St Andrew's House Corporation

Standing Committee agreed to consider an appointment at the meeting on 31 July 2017.

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The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore) – the Rev Michael Paget had resigned a vacancy was declared for licensed member of clergy in presbyters orders.
- (b) Macarthur Anglican School Council – the Rev Paul Davey had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Report of the Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Financial Matters

Recommended minimum stipend for 2018

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

St Andrew's House Stakeholders' report

Standing Committee noted a report.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 51st Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

39/16 Business rules for moving amendment to motions

In-principle amendment of business rules of Synod

Standing Committee agreed in principle that the business rules of Synod should be amended on a trial basis as follows –

- (a) after a principal motion has been moved and seconded, any amendments which appear on the day's amendment sheet ("priority amendments") will be moved and seconded in the order determined by the President,
- (b) after any priority amendments have been moved and seconded, debate on the principal motion, including any priority amendments, will proceed in the following way –
 - (i) a member who wishes to speak in the debate on the principal motion or move an amendment to the principal motion or an amendment to an amendment may only do so if called by the President,
 - (ii) the mover of a priority amendment may speak again in the debate on the principal motion or move a further amendment to the principal motion or an amendment to an amendment only if called by the President to do so, and
 - (iii) if a member formally seconds a priority amendment, the member is not regarded as having spoken in the debate on the principal motion, and
- (c) the business rule which provides that no member, other than the mover of the principal motion, may speak more than once to the same motion should be amended to exclude from the rule any speech made by a member in moving a priority amendment.'

Request for procedural motion at Synod to enact changes on trial basis

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to include in the business paper for the session of Synod in 2017 a procedural motion by which these proposed changes can be put to the Synod on a trial basis for that session with a view to amendments to the business rules being prepared for the Synod session in 2018 if that trial is considered successful.

Relinquishment of Holy Orders Ordinance 1994 Amendment Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee requested that the bill for the *Relinquishment of Holy Orders Ordinance 1994 Amendment Ordinance 2017* be promoted to the Synod.

Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney – Annual Report

Standing Committee noted that, in accordance with clause 18 of the *Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney Ordinance 1965*, the Property Trust's Annual Report will be tabled 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
- Parish Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2016
- Synod Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2016
- Wollongong Regional Council: Annual Report

22/15 Proposal for a Property Receipts Levy

Standing Committee received a report from the Large Receipts Policy Review Committee.

Other Matters

- Proposal for affiliation with Hunter Bible Church under the *Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005***
- Proposal for affiliation with Coast Evangelical Church under the *Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005***

Declaration of affiliation with Hunter Bible Church

Standing Committee declared Hunter Bible Church to be affiliated with this Church in this Diocese.

Declaration of affiliation with Coast Evangelical Church

Standing Committee declared Coast Evangelical Church to be affiliated with this Church in this Diocese.

Social Issues Committee Terms of Reference

Standing Committee amended the Social Issues Committee Terms of Reference.

Date of next meeting

Monday 31 July 2017.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 31 July 2017

Following a reading of Psalm 41, Canon Sandy Grant and Dr Claire Smith opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 26 June 2017.

Mr Garth Blake SC

Standing Committee congratulated Mr Garth Blake SC on his appointment as Chair of the Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

22/15 Proposal for a Property Receipts Levy

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

Strategic Research Group proposal for application of funds

Standing Committee received a report from the Strategic Research Group.

Ordinances

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973 Amendment Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee received the following report from the Legal Counsel –

“The Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973 Amendment Ordinance 2017 was passed on 26 June 2017 but the Standing Committee requested the Commissary to withhold his assent to the Ordinance pending the Westpac Bank giving its consent to the amended form of Ordinance. The Westpac Bank has now given its consent but the Archbishop has declined to assent to the ordinance.”

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to update the governance arrangements for the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

St Andrew's House Trust (Variation of Trusts) Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to re-declare the trusts of the property held in the St Andrew's House Trust, and for purposes related thereto.

Cathedral Ordinance 1969 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Cathedral Ordinance 1969*.

Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board Ordinance 1957 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to further amend the *Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board Ordinance 1957*.

Elections

Declaration of nominated organisations for the 51st Synod under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee declared that the following are nominated organisations for the 51st Synod under Part 6 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* –

Anglican Community Services (Anglicare)
Anglican Media
Anglican Schools Corporation
Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney (Youthworks)
Evangelism and New Churches

Macarthur Anglican School Council

Mr Peter Evans was elected.

Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representative on

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Safe Ministry Board

Mrs Jenny Yung was elected.

St Andrew's House Corporation

Mr Robert Freeman was appointed as a See Nominee on the Council.

SCECGS Redlands Limited

Standing Committee recommended to the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat that the Rev Timothy St Quintin be appointed as a director of SCECGS Redlands Limited.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore)

The Rev Gavin Perkins was elected.

**Abbotsleigh, The Council of
Barker College, The Council of
Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited
Glebe Administration Board
New College Limited
Stipends and Allowances Committee
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of**

These vacancies were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Trinity Grammar School, Council of – The Ven Dane Courtney and Mr John Rudd had resigned and vacancies were declared for a clergyman and a lay person.

(b) William Branwhite Clarke College, Council of – The Rev Andrew Lewis had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of clergy.

(c) General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on – Ms Stephanie Menear and Mr Stephen Tong had resigned and a vacancies were declared for two lay persons.

Mr Greg Hammond OAM and Mr Daniel Glynn were elected.

(d) The Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee – The Rev Robert Cameron and Commodore Nicholas Helyer MBE had resigned and vacancies were declared for two persons.

(e) Synod Membership, Part 8 – Mrs Jennifer Lambert had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

Mr Peter Mayrick was elected.

(f) The King's School, Council of the – Mr James Lane had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

Mr Mark Turner was elected.

(g) NSW Ecumenical Council, Diocesan representative on – The Rev Bruce McAteer had resigned with effect from the Annual General Meeting of the Council on 19 August 2017 and vacancy was declared for a person.

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

(h) Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustee of – Mr Robert Meldrum 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 Sydney Diocesan Secretariat had been tabled.

Report of the Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

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

Standing Committee noted that the Service Review Committee considered that SDS has satisfactorily provided services to the Synod and the Standing Committee under the current Service Level Standards for the period between November 2016 and April 2017.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted a report.

Funding of services provided by the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat to the Synod

Standing Committee noted a report from the Diocesan Resources Committee.

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.

Review of Superannuation for clergy

Standing Committee received a report from the Chair, Stipends and Allowances Committee and agreed to extend the time to report on this matter, until December 2017.

Study into Effective Church Planting

Standing Committee authorised an allocation of \$3,000 from Synod Fund Contingencies in order to fund a concept design for the Church Planting Guidelines.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 51st Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Amendments to Faithfulness in Service

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

Diocesan Doctrine Commission Report on “A Theology of Gender and Gender Identity”

Standing Committee approved the printing of a suitable form of a report for the next ordinary session of the Synod and requested that a copy be sent to each Diocesan Bishop and Diocesan Council in the Anglican Church of Australia.

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

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a suitable form of the report for 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 –

Western Sydney Regional Council: Annual Report

Other Matters

Submission concerning Euthanasia from the Social Issues Committee

Standing Committee noted a submission from the Social Issues Committee, having been approved by the Archbishop, to the NSW Parliamentary Working Group on Assisted Dying regarding Euthanasia.

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report – July 2017 quarter

Standing Committee received a report from the Mission Property Committee.

Meeting dates for 2018

Standing Committee agreed to the following meeting dates for 2018 –

12 February	23 July
26 March	27 August
23 April	24 September
14 May	12 November
4 June	10 December

noting that the 2nd ordinary session of the 51st Synod is to be held on 15, 16, 17, 22 and 23 October 2018.

Date of next meeting

Monday 28 August 2017.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 28 August 2017

Following a reading of Psalm 42, Bishop Peter Lin and Dr David Nockles opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 31 July 2017.

General Synod 2017

The Archbishop provided a report to the Standing Committee meeting regarding business to be considered at the forthcoming session of the General Synod.

New Executive Director of the Anglican Education Commission

Standing Committee congratulated Mr Stephen Kinsella on his appointment as the second Executive Director of Anglican Education Commission.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Mission Property Committee proposal to provide guidance to parishes undertaking development projects

Standing Committee approved the printing of a suitable form of a report from the Mission Property Committee alongside the report "Application of funds from the proposed Property Receipts Levy" for the forthcoming session of the Synod.

21/16 Membership structure of Mission Property Committee

33/16 Resourcing the management and development of parish property

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod in 2017 "by request of the Standing Committee" and approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for the forthcoming session of the Synod.

22/15 Proposal for a Property Receipts Levy

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) asked the Large Receipts Policy Review Committee to model at least 2 variations to the current form of its recommended Levy and include a supplementary report with the results of the modelling of these 2 variations in the papers for Synod, and
- (b) recommended to Synod that it not consider any amendments which are likely to give rise to material changes to the structure of the proposed property receipts levy unless modelling is available to show the effect of the proposed amendment.

Promotion of amended motion and report to Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Chair of the Large Receipts Policy Review Committee and –

- (a) noted a revised report for Synod,
- (b) requested that the amended form of motion in the report be moved at the forthcoming session of Synod, "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (c) approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Large Property Receipts Policy for sales

Standing Committee agreed in principle to adopt the amended form of the Large Property Receipts Policy as shown in appendix 3 of the report proposing a Property Receipts Levy ("PRL"), subject to the Synod approving the PRL.

Strategic Research Group proposal for application of funds from the Property Receipts Levy

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of Synod “by the request of Standing Committee” and authorised a report to be provided to the 2017 Synod.

Ordinances

Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorise financial appropriations and allocations for 2018 and for incidental matters.

Killara Trust Ordinance 2017

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

Elections

NSW Ecumenical Council, Diocesan representative on

Professor Diane Speed was elected.

St Andrew’s House Corporation, Council of

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that the Archbishop has recommended the name of Mrs Tina Lee as a person suitable to be appointed as a See Nominee on the Council of St Andrew’s House Corporation, and
- (b) appointed Mrs Lee as a See Nominee on the Council of St Andrew’s House Corporation, subject to the Registrar receiving Mrs Lee’s consent and relevant documentation.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited Glebe Administration Board New College Limited Stipends and Allowances Committee Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Evangelism and New Churches – The Rev Andrew Katay had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (b) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples’ Ministry Committee – The Rev David Woodbridge had died and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Synod Membership, Part 8 – Dr Sylvia Tong had resigned as a Nominated Layperson and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

Ms Tara Sing was elected.

Financial Matters

Review of the finances of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Standing Committee received a report.

Remuneration Guidelines for 2018

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved the Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2018, and
- (b) asked that all parishes be notified by email and a suitable form of the Guidelines be posted on the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat website by early September 2017.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 51st Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Standing Committee's report to the Synod for 2017

Standing Committee approved the printing of the Standing Committee's report to the Synod noting that the form of the report will be amended to incorporate matters decided at this meeting, and at the meeting on 18 September 2017.

9/16 Equipping rectors for their task of leadership

Standing Committee received a report from the Strategic Research Group and approved a suitable form of the report being added to its report to Synod.

10/16 Licensing of incumbents interim report

Standing Committee –

- (a) thanked the Pastoral Supervision Working Party and Rector Training Review Group for their work including in particular their promotion of professional development and reflective practice as imperative for the Diocese, noted their work has been superseded by this report and thanked the chairs of these committees,
- (b) requested that 2 motions be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod 'by request of Standing Committee', and
- (c) approved the printing of a suitable form of a report for the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Lifelong Ministry Development Guidelines

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report and guidelines from the Director of Ministry Training & Development,
- (b) asked that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (c) authorised the printing of a suitable form of a report for Synod.

Synod and Standing Committee Membership Amendment Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the *Synod and Standing Committee Membership Amendment Ordinance 2017* be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee" subject to the deletion of clause 2(b) of the bill,
- (b) recommended that the bill be passed as an Ordinance of the Synod, and
- (c) authorised the printing of a suitable form of a Explanatory Report.

Parish cost recovery charges for 2018

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a suitable form of a report for the Synod for the purposes of clause 3(4) of the *Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisition Levy Ordinance 2015*.

Proposal to reclassify Kangaroo Valley as a parish

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved of the printing of a report for Synod, and
- (b) requested that a motion by which the Synod may assent to the reclassification be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”.

Mission Property Committee – progress report to Synod

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a suitable form 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
2/05 Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2018

Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities 2019-2021

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved the printing of the “Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities 2019-2021” for the Synod, and
- (b) requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”.

Other Matters

Appellate Tribunal – Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005

Standing Committee noted a series of documents concerning the *Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005* of the Diocese of Sydney which were received from Ms Anne Hywood, Registrar of the Appellate Tribunal, on 26 August 2017.

Appellate Tribunal – Attendance by Australian Bishops at a consecration of a bishop of the ACNA

Noting of letters relating to the consecration of Canon Andy Lines

Standing Committee, having noted on 26 June 2017 the letter from the Archbishop to Australian bishops dated 26 June 2017 concerning his intention to take part in the consecration of Canon Andy Lines, noted–

- (a) a copy of a letter sent by Bishop Richard Codie (Tasmania) to all Australian bishops on 26 June 2017, and
- (b) a copy of a letter sent by the Primate to all Australian bishops on 1 July 2017.

Noting of circular from the General Secretary

Standing Committee noted a circular from the General Secretary of the General Synod to all Diocesan bishops, sent on 22 August 2017.

Support for the Archbishop’s participation in the consecration

Standing Committee restated its support for the Archbishop’s participation in the consecration of Canon Andy Lines in June 2017, first expressed by the Standing Committee on 29 May 2017.

Noting of documents received from the General Secretary

Standing Committee noted a series of documents concerning the consecration of a bishop for the Anglican Church of North America which were received from Ms Anne Hywood, Registrar of the Appellate Tribunal, on 26 August 2017.

Date of next meeting

Monday 18 September 2017.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 18 September 2017

Following a reading of Psalm 43, the Rev Craig Schafer and Mrs Patricia Jackson opened the meeting in prayer.

Retirement of Mrs Lis Boyce

Standing Committee noted that Mrs Lis Boyce decided not to accept nomination for election to the Standing Committee to be elected by the 51st Synod and thanked Lis for her dedicated service.

Retirement of Mr Robert Bradfield

Standing Committee noted that Mr Robert Bradfield decided not to accept nomination for election to the Standing Committee to be elected by the 51st Synod and thanked Robert for his contribution to the Diocese through his membership of Standing Committee.

Retirement of Dr Bryan Cowling

Standing Committee noted that Dr Bryan Cowling decided not to accept nomination for election to the Standing Committee to be elected by the 51st Synod and thanked Bryan for his service to Standing Committee and joined others across the Diocese in thanking Bryan for his wider contribution to Christian education.

Retirement of Mr Geoff Kyngdon

Standing Committee noted that Mr Geoffrey Kyngdon decided not to accept nomination for election to the Standing Committee to be elected by the 51st Synod and gave thanks to God for his passion to share the Scriptures and to defend the truth of the gospel. The Standing Committee wished Geoff God's blessing in his retirement from Standing Committee.

Retirement of the Rev Mat Yeo

Standing Committee noted that the Rev Mat Yeo decided not to accept nomination for election to the Standing Committee to be elected by the 51st Synod and thanked him for his service.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 28 August 2017.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

24/16 Domestic Violence

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested the *Sydney Anglican Policy on Domestic Abuse* (set out in Section 1 of the Domestic Abuse Response) (the "Provisional Policy") be promoted to the Synod as a proposed policy of the Synod, and
- (b) recommended that the Provisional Policy be passed as a policy of the Synod.

Report of the Gender Identity Subcommittee 40/16 Safe Learning Environment for all Students

Motion for Synod to approve in principle Initial Principles

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod to approve in principle Initial Principles.

Motion for Synod commending the use of report to develop guidelines

Standing Committee requested that a further motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod "commending the use of the report to develop guidelines.

Ordinances

Broadway Variation of Trusts for Archbishop's Residence Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts and authorise the subdivision of certain land at Forest Lodge and matters incidental thereto.

Coogee Trust Ordinance 2017

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

Greystanes – Merrylands West Trust Ordinance 2017

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

St Andrew's Cathedral Trust Ordinance 2016 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the St Andrew's Cathedral Trust Ordinance 2016.

Marriage (Special Appropriation) Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the application of certain property for the purposes of maintaining alignment between the biblical definition of marriage and the legal definition of marriage in Australia.

Elections

Election of Committees etc

Standing Committee noted a draft document which sets out the elections to take place at the November meeting, and requested members who wish to make nominations to give notice to the Diocesan Secretary prior to 3 November 2017.

Glebe Administration Board

Vacancy

Vacancy for a person as declared 19 September 2016 was deferred.

Retirement of members

Standing Committee received the following report from the Diocesan Secretary –

'Under clause 6 of the *Glebe Administration Board Ordinance 1930*, at the first meeting of the Standing Committee next following each ordinary session of the Synod, one-third of the persons who are members of the Glebe Administration Board ("GAB") retire from office. Accordingly, Mr Hammond, Mr Pascoe and Mr Stanley will retire at the November 2017 meeting of the Standing Committee. Each of the retiring members has indicated a willingness to be re-elected.'

St Andrew's House Corporation

Standing Committee received a report.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Casual vacancy

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and noted that the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat has one vacancy for a person.

Retirement of members

Standing Committee received the following report from the Diocesan Secretary –

'Under clause 6 of the *Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 2017*, at the first meeting of the Standing Committee next following each ordinary session of the Synod, one-third of the persons who are members of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat ("SDS") retire from office. Under clause 6(4) the members to retire are those who have been longest in office since their last election.

The four longest serving members are Mr Gregory Hammond OAM, Mr John Pascoe, Mr Andrew Stanley and Professor Peter Wolnizer OAM. All were deemed to have been appointed on 10 November 2014 by the *Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973 Amending Ordinance 2017*. It is anticipated that these members will determine among themselves at the SDS meeting on 20 September 2017 who is to retire at the November 2017 meeting of the Standing Committee.'

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited
Evangelism and New Churches
New College Limited
Stipends and Allowances Committee
Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

These matters were deferred.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Diocesan Endowment – Report on Investment Performance June 2017

Standing Committee received a report.

St Andrew's House Trust (Variation of Trusts) Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee noted that in accordance with advice provided by the Chair of the Glebe Administration Board given, the Archbishop determined the date for commencement of the Ordinance to be 1 September 2017.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 51st Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Synod business paper for Monday 9 October 2017

Standing Committee approved the business paper for the meeting of the Synod on Monday 9 October 2017.

26/16 Debate concerning same-sex marriage Same-Sex Marriage Postal Poll

Standing Committee authorised the printing of a suitable form of a report for Synod.

Assistant Ministers Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee requested that a bill for the *Assistant Ministers Ordinance 2017* be promoted to the Synod.

Ministry (Professional Standards) Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee requested that a suitable form of a bill for the *Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017* be promoted to the Synod.

Diocesan Tribunal Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee requested that a suitable form of a bill for the *Diocesan Tribunal Ordinance 2017* be promoted to the Synod.

Professional Standards Transition Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee requested that a suitable form of the bill for the *Professional Standards Transition Ordinance 2017* be promoted to the Synod.

Ministry in Socially Disadvantaged Areas Committee annual consultation regarding Anglicare's delivery of welfare services

Standing Committee authorised the printing of a suitable form of a report for Synod.

Anglican Church Growth Trust

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

NSW Bill on Euthanasia and Assisted Dying

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

Restructure of the investments of the Diocesan Endowment

Standing Committee authorised the printing of a suitable form of a report for Synod.

Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017

Standing Committee requested that a bill be promoted to the Synod for the adoption of the *Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017*.

Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017

Standing Committee requested that a bill be promoted to the Synod for the adoption of the *Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017*.

Offences Amendment Canon 2017

Standing Committee requested that a bill be promoted to the Synod for the adoption of the *Offences Amendment Canon 2017*.

Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017 Relinquishment of Holy Orders 1994 Amendment Ordinance 2017

Promotion of bill to the Synod

Standing Committee requested that a bill be promoted to the Synod for the adoption of the *Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017*.

Rescission of resolution regarding Relinquishment of Holy Orders 1994 Amendment Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee rescinded its resolution passed at the last meeting to request the bill for the *Relinquishment of Holy Orders 1994 Amendment Ordinance 2017* to be promoted to the Synod.

Canon Concerning Services Amendment Canon 2017

Standing Committee requested that a bill be promoted to the Synod for the adoption of the *Canon Concerning Services Amendment Canon 2017*.

General Synod 2017 Session

Standing Committee received a report from the General Synod Relations Committee and authorised the printing of a suitable form of the report for Synod.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Archbishop's Christmas grant distributions

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that up to \$40,000 be applied from the Grant (Sisters) Endowment Fund for distribution at the discretion of the Archbishop for the purpose of Christmas grants.

Parish of Glenquarie

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

Other Matters

Date of next meeting

Monday 13 November 2017.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 13 November 2017

Following a reading of Psalm 44, Mr Phillip Shirriff and the Rev Dr Raj Gupta opened the meeting in prayer.

Membership of the Standing Committee

Standing Committee welcomed the following new members –

Mrs Jeanette Habib
Mr Gavin Jones
The Rev Gavin Parsons
Mrs Emma Penzo
Mrs Tara Sing

Resignation of Mr Robert Wicks as Diocesan Secretary and Secretary of the Synod

Standing Committee received a note from Mr Robert Wicks indicating that he would resign as Diocesan Secretary and Secretary of the Synod with effect from 5 December 2017.

Appointment of the next Diocesan Secretary and Synod Secretary

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Registrar.

Appointment of next Diocesan Secretary

Standing Committee appointed Mr Daniel Glynn as Diocesan Secretary and Secretary of Synod with effect from 5 December 2017.

Resignation of the Rt Rev Dr Sarah Macneil as Bishop of Grafton

Standing Committee noted the resignation of the Rt Rev Dr Sarah Macneil as Bishop of Grafton and conveyed its prayers and best wishes to her.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 18 September 2017.

Ordinances

Bomaderry Trust Ordinance 2017

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

Sickness and Accident Fund Ordinance 1969 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Sydney Diocesan Sickness and Accident Fund Ordinance 1969.

Elections

Election of Committees etc

Continuance of existing members

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

Diocesan Retirements Board

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that the following persons be elected –

Clergy

The Rev Neil Atwood
The Rev Scott Blackwell
The Rev Robert Denham
The Rev Dr Ken Simpson
The Rev Raymond Vassallo

Lay

Dr Katherine Bruce
Mr Andrew Mclachlan
Mr Edgars Ozols
Dr Sylvia Steel

Religious Freedom Reference Group

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Standing Committee members

Mrs Emma Penzo
Dr Karin Sowada
Bishop Michael Stead
Dr Robert Tong AM
Mr Robert Wicks

Non-Standing Committee members

The Rev Dr Ed Loane

Remaining elections

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

Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chairs of Committee for the Standing Committee

Standing Committee agreed to amend the regulations for Ordinance Procedures with regard to the appointment of Chair and Deputy Chairs of Committee for the Standing Committee.

Declaration of nominated organisations for the 51st Synod under Part 6 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995*

Standing Committee declared that the following are additional nominated organisations for the remainder of the 51st Synod under the revised Part 6 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* –

Anglican Education Commission
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Barker College, The Council of

The Rev Andrew Rees, Mr David Charles and Mrs Catherine Crouch were elected.

Evangelism and New Churches

The Rev John Lavender was elected.

Glebe Administration Board

Mr Gregory Hammond OAM, Mr John Pascoe and Mr Andrew Stanley were elected.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Mr Gregory Hammond OAM, Mr John Pascoe and Mr Andrew Stanley were elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited
Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee
New College Limited
Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel
St Catherine's School, Waverley, Council of
Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

Standing Committee, minister elected by the whole Synod – The Rev Craig Roberts is no longer the Rector of Neutral Bay and as a consequence is no longer a member of Synod and ineligible to be a member of Standing Committee. A vacancy was declared for a qualified minister.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat, Glebe Administration Board and St Andrew's House Trust

Minutes

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

Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

Receipt of SDS Report

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

Receipt of GAB Report

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Anglican Church Property Trust management fee

Standing Committee noted a report from the Property Trust.

Synod's interest in St Andrew's House Trust – Fund 134

Standing Committee noted a report of the Chief Financial Officer.

Synod

Synod minutes of 17 October 2017

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.

Proceedings of the 2017 Synod

Standing Committee noted the Synod Proceedings have been published on the Synod's webpage on the SDS website (www.sds.asn.au).

Synod attendances

Standing Committee noted Synod attendance statistics.

General communication of Synod decisions

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

Review of Synod session

Receipt of written feedback

Standing Committee noted feedback concerning the recent session of Synod from various Synod members.

Reflections on the recent session

Members spent a brief period of time providing their reflections on the recent session of the Synod.

Commencement of the Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee noted an email exchange regarding the commencement of the *Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017*.

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

Standing Committee noted the revised Anglican Schools Corporation Board Guideline on opening, closure, merger or takeover of Anglican Schools Corporate schools.

16/17 Implementation of the Domestic Abuse Response

Action arising from Synod resolution

Standing Committee noted that Synod passed resolution 16/17 and requested the Domestic Violence Task Force ("DVTF") to consider any comments and feedback on the Domestic Abuse Response (including the Provisional Policy) and bring to the Standing Committee proposed amendments to the Provisional Policy with a view to such amendments being considered by the Synod at its session in 2018.

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Domestic Violence Taskforce, which outlined the proposed actions for Standing Committee to take in response to the recommendations of the report provided to Synod. Standing Committee –

- (a) reappointed the Domestic Violence Task Force ("DVTF") until 31 October 2018 with encouragement to focus its work particularly on matters identified in paragraphs 39, 47-48, and 69-72 of the DVTF report received at the last session of Synod,
- (b) encouraged the DVTF to provide advice on responses made to other recommendations from its report and referred to other diocesan stakeholders,
- (c) appointed –
 - (i) Mrs Glenda Devlin as an additional Anglicare representative to the DVTF,
 - (ii) the Rev Mark Tough as an additional parish clergy representative, noting that the Rev Martin Kemp resigned on 30 October 2017, and
- (d) authorised the DVTF to co-opt one further member.

34/17 Proposal for a Property Receipts Levy

Noting of resolution

Standing Committee noted that Synod passed resolution 8/17 and requested the Diocesan Resources Committee to –

- (a) arrange for a suitable ordinance to implement the Property Receipts Levy to be brought to a future meeting, and
- (b) arrange for the consideration and implementation of a suitable form of the Large Property Receipts Policy for sales.

46/17 Scottish Episcopal Church

Standing Committee noted an email from the Rt Rev Rick Lewers, Bishop of Armidale.

Other Matters

Mission Property Committee Strategic Update

Standing Committee agreed to a revised form of principles to be treated as a policy of the Standing Committee for the purposes of clause 9(3) of the *Mission Property Ordinance 2002*.

Proposal to recognise Stanhope Anglican Church under the *Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000*

Bishop Ivan Lee notified the Standing Committee as required by clause 4(4)(a) of the *Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000* that a proposal has been received for the formation of a Recognised Church to be called Stanhope Anglican Church.

Correspondence regarding the Diocese's donation to the Coalition for Marriage

Standing Committee noted correspondence between the Archbishop and the Rev Andrew Sempell regarding the Diocese's donation to the Coalition for Marriage.

Participation in references to the Appellate Tribunal

Noting of a report

Standing Committee noted a report from the Legal Counsel.

Correspondence regarding the ACNA reference to the Appellate Tribunal

Standing Committee noted a –

- (a) letter from the Primate dated 10 November 2017, indicating that he has suspended the ACNA Consecration Reference before the Appellate Tribunal in order to explore the possibility of a mediated conversation, and
- (b) response from the Archbishop to the Primate's letter, dated 13 November 2017.

Resignation of Diocesan Research Officer

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Diocese of Bathurst notification of "known name" change

Standing Committee noted correspondence between the Registrar and Bishop Ian Palmer, indicating that the Diocese of Bathurst has changed its "known name" to the Anglican Church of Central and Western NSW.

Date of next meeting

Monday 4 December 2017.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 4 December 2017

Following a reading of Psalm 45, the Archbishop opened the meeting in prayer.

Election of Bishop Peter Stuart as the next Bishop of Newcastle

Standing Committee noted that the Synod of the Diocese of Newcastle elected Bishop Peter Stuart as the next Bishop of Newcastle, and congratulated Dr Stuart and assured him of its prayers and good wishes for his new role.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 13 November 2017.

Resignation of the Rt Rev Stuart Robinson as Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn

Standing Committee noted the resignation of the Rt Rev Stuart Robinson as Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn and conveyed its prayers and best wishes to him.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Contact persons for clergy

Standing Committee received a report from Archdeacon Kara Hartley regarding CCP.

31/14 Retention of marriage licences and same-sex marriage

The Archbishop provided an oral report regarding this matter.

Ordinances

Carlingford and North Rocks Trust Ordinance 2017

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

Carlingford and North Rocks Mortgaging Ordinance 2017

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

Manly Trust Ordinance 2017

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

Manly Corso Property Ordinance 2013 Amendment Ordinance 2017

Purpose of ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Manly Corso Property Ordinance 2013*.

Procedure to consider large property proposals

Standing Committee requested the Property Trust to liaise with Bishop Peter Hayward and Bishop Michael Stead and bring to the March Standing Committee a procedure that can be implemented to encourage parishes or organisations to bring in principle reports regarding large property proposals to Standing Committee as early in the planning stages as practicable.

Moore College (But-Har-Gra) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts of certain land held by the Moore Theological College Council and a Fund held by the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney.

Parramatta Land Sale Ordinance 2017

Noting of email correspondence

Standing Committee noted an email from the Manager, Parish Property on behalf of the Mission Property Committee.

Consideration of ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorise the sale of certain land at 61 Pitt Street Parramatta and 6 Opal Place Northmead and to provide for the applications of the sale proceeds, and to authorise the application of funds held by the Anglican Church Property Trust.

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Ordinance 1961 Amendment Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Ordinance 1961*.

The Oaks Land Sale Ordinance 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the sale of certain land at 100 Old Oaks Road, The Oaks.

Watsons Bay (Wentworth Memorial Church Sale Proceeds) Ordinance No 51, 2017

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorise the future application of the proceeds of sale of 32B Fitzwilliam Road, Vaucluse.

Elections

Election of Committees etc

Item 1 Anglican Media Council

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mrs Deborah L Blackwell	The Rev Richard F James
Bishop Chris Edwards	Mr James Wackett
Mr Niall I Henderson	

Item 2 Endowment of the See Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Robert Bradfield
Mr Clive G Ellis
Mrs Amanda Garlato

Item 3 Mission Property Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mrs Emma Ellis	Ms Maureen Peatman
Mr Bruce Litchfield	Mr Trevor J Ratcliff
Mr Robert B Mellor	Mr Michael Rowe

Item 4 Professional Standards Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mrs Helen Blake	Professor Ronald K Oates
Mrs Jacqueline Dawson	The Rev Bruce Stanley

Item 5 Safe Ministry Board

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Licensed Ministers

The Rev Dr Keith G Condie
The Rev Steven J Layson
The Rev Gary O'Brien

Persons (not licensed ministers)

Dr Tim Channon
Miss Stephanie M Cole
Mrs Jenny Yung

Item 8 Camperdown Cemetery Trust

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

The Rev Roger Bray
Mr Graham Dowden

Ms Brianna Jessup
Mrs Jenna Weston

Item 9 NSW Ecumenical Council (Churches Together NSW)

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

The Rev Dr James Collins
Dr Diane Speed
Ms Mandy Tibbey

Item 10 Affiliated Churches Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Standing Committee members

Mr Douglas S Marr
Dean Kanishka Raffel
The Rev Philip J Wheeler

Non-Standing Committee members

The Rev Archie Poulos

Item 11 Diocesan Resources Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Standing Committee members

Canon Phillip J Colgan
Bishop Peter L Hayward
Bishop Ivan Y Lee
Mr John S Pascoe

Non-Standing Committee members

The Rev Andrew R Bruce

Item 12 Finance Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Standing Committee members

Mr James W Flavin
Mr Douglas S Marr
Mr John S Pascoe
Ms Nicola V Warwick-Mayo

Non-Standing Committee members

Mr Rodney C Cosier
Mr Greg Muddle
Mr Mark A Robinson
Mr Ian J Steward

Item 13 General Synod Relations Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Standing Committee members

Archbishop Glenn Davies
The Rev Nigel E J Fortescue
Mr Douglas S Marr
The Rev Gavin M Poole
Dr Karin N Sowada
Bishop Michael R Stead
Dr Mark D Thompson
Dr Robert Tong AM
Mr Robert J Wicks

Non-Standing Committee members

The Rev Dr Andrew L Ford
The Rev James C B Warren

Item 14 Ministry in Socially Disadvantaged Areas Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Standing Committee members	Non-Standing Committee members
Bishop Peter L Hayward	Mr Peter Kell
Mrs Patricia Jackson	The Rev David Ould

Item 15 Minute Reading Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Clive G Ellis
Miss Jennifer S Flower
Mr Anthony J Willis

Item 16 Ordinance Reviewers and Ordinance Review Panels

Ordinance Reviewers

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Clive G Ellis	Mr Michael K Meek SC
Ms Michelle T England	Dr Robert Tong AM
Canon Andrew Grant	

Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Michael Easton
Canon Stephen R Gibson
The Rev Stephen Semenchuk
Bishop Michael R Stead

Item 17 Royal Commission Steering Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Standing Committee members	Non-Standing Committee members
Ms Michelle T England	The Rev Dr Andrew L Ford
Bishop Peter L Hayward	Mr Richard J Neal
Mr Douglas S Marr	Mr Russell Powell
Mr Michael K Meek SC	
Dr Robert Tong AM	

Item 18 Service Review Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Peter J Evans
The Rev Justin M Moffatt
Dr Claire S Smith

Item 19 Social issues Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Standing Committee members	Non-Standing Committee members
Mrs Patricia Jackson	Dr Megan Best
Dean Kanishka Raffel	The Rev Dr Andrew L Ford
Dr Karin N Sowada	The Rev Dr Michael P Jensen
	Mr Darren C Mitchell
	Moore College Faculty member
	Dr Chase R Kuhn

Item 20 Stipends and Allowances Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Standing Committee members

Mr James W Flavin
Miss Jennifer S Flower
Mr Jeremy G Freeman

Non-Standing Committee members

The Rev Richard J Blight
Mrs Nicole Gupta
Mr Darren C Mitchell
The Rev Ross Ryan
Mr Paul Willis

Item 21 Strategic Research Group

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Clergy members

Bishop Peter R Lin
The Rev Craig J Schafer
The Rev Andrew Robson

Lay members

Mr Peter Mayrick
Mr Graham R Murray
Ms Nicola V Warwick-Mayo

Item 22 Work Outside the Diocese

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Standing Committee members

Mr Douglas S Marr
The Rev Justin M Moffatt
The Rev Gavin M Poole

Non-Standing Committee members

The Rev Caitlin Hurley
The Rev Alan J M Lukabyo
Mrs Kathryn Thompson

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

Standing Committee appointed the Rev Craig Roberts as a member of Standing Committee elected by the Synod, with effect from 8 December 2017.

Declaration of nominated organisations for the 51st Synod under Part 6 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995*

Standing Committee noted the Board of Sydney Diocesan Secretariat had nominated Mr Robert Wicks as CEO of SDS for the purposes of clause 27 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* and accordingly, with effect from the end of this meeting, Mr Wicks became a member of Standing Committee pursuant to clause 1A(a) of the *Standing Committee Ordinance 1897*.

Parramatta Endowment Fund

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 2018 by reason of the expiry of the term of office of Mr Mark Pearce, pursuant to the *St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund Ordinance 1930 Amendment Ordinance 2013*.

St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of

Standing Committee noted that the Archbishop had recommended Mrs Marianne Yacoel as a person suitable to be appointed as a See Nominee on the Council of St Andrew's House Corporation, and appointed Mrs Yacoel as a See Nominee on the Council of St Andrew's House Corporation.'

Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel

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

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited
Diocesan Retirements Board
Glebe Administration Board
Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee
New College Limited
St Catherine's School, Waverley, Council of
Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of – Mr Jeff Reilly had resigned a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Glebe Administration Board – Professor Peter Wolnizer had resigned with effect from 31 December 2017 and a vacancy was declared for person.
- (c) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat – Professor Peter Wolnizer had resigned with effect from 31 December 2017 and a vacancy was declared for person.
- (d) Macarthur Anglican School Council – Mr Richard Drinnan had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat, Glebe Administration Board and St Andrew's House Trust

St Andrew's House Stakeholders' report

Standing Committee noted a report.

Financial Matters

Synod Fund Contingencies

Standing Committee noted a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Noting of actions

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

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Finance and Loans Board update

Standing Committee received a report.

NSW Ecumenical Council

Standing Committee noted a letter from the NSW Ecumenical Council (together with invoice and Treasurer's Report) but declined to make the requested financial contribution to the Council.

Synod

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

Standing Committee received a report.

3/17 Coordinating the planting of churches

Standing Committee agreed to constitute a committee comprising the Rev Philip Wheeler, Mr Clive Ellis, Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo, Dr Robert Mackay and the Rev Nigel Fortescue, with power to co-opt, to undertake the work requested in resolution 3/17 and report to a future meeting of the Standing Committee.

5/17 NSW Bill on Euthanasia and Assisted Dying

Noting of response

Standing Committee noted a response to resolution 5/17 from the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of NSW.

Noting of further responses received

Standing Committee noted that further responses to resolution 5/17 have been received from the following members of the New South Wales Parliament –

The Hon David Elliott MP
Mr James Griffin MP

Mr Chris Gulaptis MP
The Hon Paul Green MLC

20/17 General Synod – Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee noted a letter from the Safe Ministry to Children Canon Taskforce to the General Synod Standing Committee.

36/17 Legal equality for LGBTI couples

Standing Committee noted that responses to resolution 36/17 have been received from the following –

The Hon Will Hodgman MP, Premier of Tasmania
The Hon John Rau MP, Attorney-General of South Australia
The Hon Jay Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia

Other Matters

Strategic Research Group

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Strategic Research Group and agreed to –

- (a) authorise \$1,800 from Synod Fund Contingencies in 2018 to cover the cost of meals at the SRG retreat in early 2018, and

amend the Terms of Reference for the SRG as shown in the report.

Appellate Tribunal – Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005

Standing Committee received a report from the Legal Counsel.

Appellate Tribunal – Attendance by Australian Bishops at a consecration of a bishop of the ACNA

The Archbishop provided an oral report regarding this matter.

Recognition of Stanhope Anglican Church under the *Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000*

Standing Committee received the following declaration from Bishop Ivan Lee –

“On behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council and in accordance with clause 8 of the *Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000*, I am delighted to declare that the Stanhope Anglican Church will be a Recognised Church as of 1 January 2018, thanking God for the core group who planted the church and for those who now attend, and asking for your prayers that many more will come to Christ and find new life in him.”

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report – September 2017 quarter

Standing Committee received a report from the Mission Property Committee.

Prayer Roster for 2018

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 12 February 2018.