

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 15 February 2021

Bible Reading and prayer

Following a reading of Psalm 76, Mr John Pascoe and the Rev Zac Veron opened the meeting in prayer, after which the Standing Committee prayed the prayer for *Mission 2020*.

Farewell Service for the Archbishop

Plan for farewell service

Standing Committee noted that a farewell service for the Archbishop is planned to be held at the Cathedral on Friday 26 March 2021, from 7:00 pm; with light refreshments to follow.

Committee to arrange farewell

Standing Committee delegated to a committee consisting of Bishop Peter Hayward (Administrator), Mr Doug Marr (Registrar) and Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo (Chair of Finance Committee) authority to draw down from Synod Fund Contingencies costs associated with the farewell service and a suitable gift for Archbishop and Mrs Davies, consistent with amounts spent at the time of the retirement of Archbishop Jensen.

Australia Day Honours

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

Dr Stephen Edwin Judd AM, a member of the parish of Roseville, for significant service to older persons living with dementia.

The late Mrs Denise Merle Bannon OAM, formerly a member of the parish of Revesby, for service to the community, particularly youth and Indigenous people.

Mrs Wendy Carver OAM, the CEO of Lifeline (Harbour to Hawkesbury), for service to community mental health.

Mrs Janet Dorothy Kneeshaw OAM, a member of the parish of Pymble, for service to the performing arts, and to the community.

New provisional parish and a change of parish name

Standing Committee noted that the Archbishop –

- (a) created a new provisional parish of Balmain (St Mary's) from the Parish of Darling Street, effective from 23 November 2020, and
- (b) approved the name change of the parish of Balmain (St John) to now be the parish of Birchgrove, effective from 8 December 2020.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 23 November 2020.

Anglican Network in Europe Anglican Mission in England Anglican Convocation in Europe

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a letter from Dr Robert Tong AM.

Greetings to the United Kingdom and Europe

Standing Committee sent greetings to Bishop Andy Lines, the Anglican Network in Europe, the Anglican Mission in England and the Anglican Convocation in Europe; congratulated them on the formal establishment

of governance arrangements; and prayed that this new constitutional framework will facilitate the growth of the member congregations and the individuals who make up those congregations in their task of taking the gospel to the United Kingdom and Europe.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Resolutions from the Provincial Synod Standing Committee

Standing Committee noted the following two resolutions made by the Provincial Synod Standing Committee at its meeting of 18 November 2020 –

Resolution 1

The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Province of NSW noted the two opinions of the Appellate Tribunal concerning the matters of:

- (a) the Wangaratta Blessing Service; and
- (b) the Clergy Discipline Ordinance 2019 Amending Ordinance 2019 (Diocese of Newcastle).

In order to prioritise good fellowship, this Standing Committee requested the ministers of the Province to wait and not to act upon these matters until they are debated at the next General Synod.

Resolution 2

Standing Committee requested the Bishops of each diocese to convey the above resolution to their clergy.

Bishop Stuart dissented from the second resolution.'

and noted that the Archbishop has conveyed the substance of the second resolution to the clergy of the Diocese in his letter of 20 November 2020.

Parish and Regional Restructure

Standing Committee received a report.

Ordinances

Ordinances passed at the last meeting

Standing Committee received from the Diocesan Secretary, the following summary of the status of ordinances passed at the Standing Committee meeting held on 23 November 2020 –

Ordinance	Status
Anglican Church Growth Corporation (Pilot Program Enabling No 2) Ordinance 2020	Assented
Church Hill Leasing Ordinance 2011 Amendment Ordinance 2020	Assented
Emu Plains Trust Ordinance 2020	Assented
Guildford with Villawood Variation of Trusts (St Stephen's Anglican Church) Ordinance 2020	Assented
Nomination Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2020	Assented
Parishes (COVID-19 and General Meetings No. 2) Ordinance 2020	Assented
Safe Ministry to Children Ordinance 2018 Amendment Ordinance 2020	Assented
St Andrew's House Corporation Ordinance 2018 Amendment Ordinance 2020	Assented
St Mary's Balmain Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2020	Assented
South Head Variation of Trusts and Amendment Ordinance 2020	Deferred See below

Ordinance	Status
Willoughby Trust Ordinance 2020	Assented
Willoughby Land Sale Ordinance 2020	Assented

Nomination Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2021

Committee to review the Nomination Ordinance 2006

Standing Committee agreed to appoint a committee at its meeting on 22 March 2021, to undertake a broad review of the *Nomination Ordinance 2006*.

Purpose of ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Nomination Ordinance 2006*.

Parramatta (Further Vesting of Property) Ordinance 2021

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

Oakhurst (Richard Johnson Anglican School) Leasing and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2021

Purpose of ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the leasing of certain land at Oakhurst, to vary trusts and matters consequential thereto.

Endorsement of draft ordinance

Standing Committee endorsed the draft Ordinance in principle.

Expression of appreciation

Standing Committee expressed its appreciation for Mr Steve Lucas and Mr Scott Lincoln of SDS for researching and facilitating this matter.

South Head Variation of Trusts and Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts of which certain property is held to consolidate the property in the ACPT – South Head Trust and for matters incidental thereto.

Quakers Hill Trust Ordinance 2021

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

Review of the Safe Ministry Board Ordinance 2001

Standing Committee received a report from the Senior Legal Counsel and appointed a committee to review the *Safe Ministry Board Ordinance 2001* and bring recommendations and an ordinance to a future meeting.

Elections

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Provincial Synod Tribunal

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and declared vacancies for two persons.

Endowment of the See Corporation

Vacancy for a person as declared 19 October 2020.

Standing Committee deferred consideration of this vacancy until June 2021.

Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee

Vacancies for 2 persons not filled by the Synod session in October 2020.

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Social Issues Committee

The Rev Dr Andrew Errington was elected.

Affiliated Churches Committee
Evangelism and New Churches
Glebe Administration Board
Living Faith, the Council of
Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool
Parish Relationships Ordinance Licensing Review Group
Safe Ministry Board
St Catherine's School, Waverley, Council of
Sydney Diocesan Services
The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Ministry Training and Development, Council of – Miss Deborah Earnshaw had resigned a vacancy was declared for lay person.
- (b) Anglican Schools Corporation – Mr Andrew Leithhead had resigned a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Barker College, Council of – Mrs Catherine Crouch had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) Anglican National Superannuation Board – Mr Roger Collison and the Rev Scott Newling had resigned and vacancies were declared for a representative of a Participating Organisation and a representative of Fund Members.

Standing Committee agreed not to consider filling the vacancies in light of a planned constitution change.

- (e) Ministry in Socially Disadvantaged Areas Committee – The Rev Craig Hooper had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (f) General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on – Mrs Karen Harricks, Dr Stephen Tong, Mr Robert Wicks and the Rev Dr Raj Gupta have resigned and vacancies were declared for two lay persons.

Mrs Briony Bounds was elected. The remaining vacancy for a lay person was deferred.

In the event of a further clergy vacancy or vacancies occurring in the Diocese's Clergy representation on General Synod, the Standing Committee agreed to elect the Rt Rev Richard Lewers to fill the first vacancy.

- (g) General Synod Relations Committee – Mr Robert Wicks had resigned.

4.17 Appointment of a member of the 52nd Synod under Part 7 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995*

Standing Committee received a report.

Sydney Diocesan Services, Glebe Administration Board and other Diocesan Organisations

Minutes

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

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Services.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Property Receipts Levy

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report and agreed that the calculation of net property income subject to the Levy should not include an allowance for any net property losses from the previous year.

Request for further consideration by Finance Committee

Standing Committee asked the Finance Committee to consider the matters raised in the report and bring its recommendations to the next meeting.

Recovery of ACPT costs – management fee charged to parishes

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Resources Committee.

Recommended minimum stipend from 1 July 2021

Data on average weekly earnings

Standing Committee noted that, when releasing the most recent AWE data, the Australian Bureau of Statistics had temporarily suspended trend series (used as the reference data by Standing Committee) and noted the reduction in employment and large-scale compositional changes in the workforce resulting from the restrictions on businesses and people in response to the COVID-19 pandemic had contributed to a much higher than average rise in AWE.

Recommended minimum stipend

Standing Committee agreed to apply its current policy to set the recommended minimum stipend to apply now from 1 July 2021 at 75.0% of the AWE data released in February 2020, noting that this will result in a recommended minimum stipend for the second half of 2021 of \$69,514 which would represent a 2.4% increase over the recommended minimum stipend for 2020 and the first half of 2021.

Provisions for Clergy Retirements

Standing Committee received a report.

Sydney Anglican Loans Board annual update

Standing Committee noted a report.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 52nd Synod Special session of the 52nd Synod

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Plans for Synod

Standing Committee received the following report from the Diocesan Secretary –

‘On 25 January 2021, the summons was sent, calling Synod members to the first ordinary session on Monday 3 May 2021, and to the special session to elect the next Archbishop commencing on Tuesday 4 May 2021. Both sessions are planned to be held at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Darling Harbour.

Nominations for the office of the Archbishop of Sydney have been open since 25 January 2021. Further key dates follow –

23 March 2021	Nomination closing date (per subclause 7(2)(d) of the <i>Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982</i>)
13 April 2021	Last date by which nominees may withdraw (per subclause 7B(1))
24 April 2021	Date by which the Administrator must have provided a list of all nominees in accordance with clause 8 to all Synod members
4 May 2021	1st Day of the special session
28 May 2021	Inauguration of the Archbishop, 7.00pm.

The first day of the special session (Tuesday 4 May) will commence at 4:30 pm and aim to conclude by 10:00 pm, with an extended break for dinner. The second and subsequent days of the special session (Wednesday 5 – Friday 7 May) will commence at 6:30 pm.

Our ability to meet for these planned sessions are subject to restrictions on public gatherings under Public Health Orders (PHO) applicable at the time. The ICC has been selected as the venue in order to adhere to requirements under the PHO, including providing significantly more space than would have been possible if we met at the Wesley Theatre. Given the continuing uncertainty in this regard, I expect to provide notices as needed leading up to the planned sessions regarding additional measures to take in order to mitigate safety concerns.’

Statement of Funding Principles

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Request for amending ordinance

Standing Committee asked the Diocesan Legal Counsel to prepare for a future meeting an amending ordinance to give effect to the recommendations in the report.

Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Amendments to Governance Policy

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed to the amendments in a marked form of the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations, and
- (b) noted that the amendments will be reported to the Synod as part of the Standing Committee Report.

14/14 Theology of Baptism

Doctrine Commission Report – A Theology of Baptism: Addressing the Significance of Baptism in Water

Standing Committee received a report from the Sydney Diocesan Doctrine Commission and approved the printing of a suitable form of this report for the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod.

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

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report,
- (b) amended the Policy by approving the revised form of the Policy set out in the Annexure, and
- (c) approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for Synod.

4/18 People affected by disability

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted the draft form of final report,
- (b) noted that a suitable form of the final report may be published on the Anglican Media website, and
- (c) approved the printing of a suitable form of the final report for the Synod.

66/19 Review of the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted the exposure drafts of Bills to amend the *Standing Committee Ordinance 1897* and *Synod Election Ordinance 2000*, and
- (b) invited members to provide comments on the Bills to the Diocesan Secretary by 28 February 2021.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Parish of Woollahra

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

Other Matters

Prioritisation of Standing Committee's outstanding matters

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Classification of priority

Standing Committee agreed to the recommended priority classification for each of the matters referred to in the report.

Bodies corporate that report to Synod

Receipt of report

Standing Committee noted a report.

62/19 Gender Representation on Diocesan Boards and Committees

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Standing Committee venue

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that if the meeting in March is able to be undertaken in person, the venue will be the Heath Centre (as Bishop Barker Hall is unavailable), with a light meal served beforehand, and
- (b) invited members to provide comments regarding the ongoing location for in person meetings of the Standing Committee to the Diocesan Secretary.

Date of next meeting

Monday 22 March 2021.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 22 March 2021

Bible Reading and prayer

Following a reading by the Archbishop of Psalm 77, Dr Claire Smith and Canon Sandy Grant opened the meeting in prayer, including prayer for each of the retiring members, after which the Standing Committee prayed the prayer for *Mission 2020*.

Welcome to the Rev Roger Cunningham

Standing Committee welcomed by acclamation the Rev Roger Cunningham to the meeting as a guest (able to attend and speak but not vote) and as a member elected by the Western Sydney Regional Electors from the first ordinary session of the 52nd Synod, and looked forward to his contribution to our meetings.

Retirement of Archbishop Glenn Davies

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting, Canon Sandy Grant and Dr Karin Sowada had spoken to the following motion, which was received with acclamation.

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

- (a) his ministry in the parish of Willoughby between 1981 and 1982,
- (b) his service, as Lecturer at Moore Theological College from 1983 to 1995,
- (c) his ministry in the parish of Miranda between 1995 and 2001,
- (d) from 2002, his ministry as Bishop of North Sydney until 2013, and
- (e) from 2013 his ministry to us as Archbishop, including his presidency of the Synod and the Standing Committee, his leadership of the Sydney Diocese at General Synod, his ministry and leadership as Metropolitan of NSW, and to the global Anglican church through GAFCON and the Global South Anglican Fellowship (GSA).

The Standing Committee gave thanks in particular for his faithful service, including his willingness to postpone retirement in a time of exceptional need, his commitment to good and godly order in the business of the Diocese, his pastoral heart, sense of humour, and ability to foster and maintain relationships.

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

Retirement of Mr Doug Marr as Registrar

Standing Committee noted that Mr Doug Marr had tendered his resignation as Registrar to the Archbishop, effective 8 April 2021 and expressed its thanks to Mr Marr for all that he has contributed to the Diocese as Registrar, including the introduction of the database for church workers, and especially his contribution to the smooth operation of both Synod and Standing Committee; and gave thanks for Mr Marr's service on the Sydney Diocesan Synod, the Provincial Synod and the General Synod, and upon numerous boards, councils, and committees, including but not limited to –

Member and then Registrar for the Endowment of the See Committee (now the Endowment of the See Corporation)

Member of the Finance Committee

Member of the Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Board

Member of the Stipends & Allowances Committee

Member and then Chair of St Andrew's House Corporation

Member of Abbotsleigh School Council

Member of the Affiliated Churches Committee

Member of the General Synod Relations Committee

Member and Chair of the Work Outside the Diocese Committee
Member of the Ministry Standards Ordinance Review Committee
Inaugural Chair of the Sydney Anglican (National Redress Scheme) Corporation
Member of the Royal Commission Steering Committee
Member of the Professional Standards Unit Oversight Committee
Inaugural Chair and Registrar for the Registrar's Committee for portraits, plaques and photographs.

Standing Committee prayed God's blessing upon Doug and Kaye in the years ahead.

The President spoke to the motion.

Archbishop Glenn Davies led the Standing Committee in prayer for Mr Marr and his family.

Appointment of Mr Tony Willis

Standing Committee noted that the Archbishop, in consultation with Bishop Peter Hayward, had appointed Mr Tony Willis as Assistant to the Registrar from 29 March to 8 April 2021, and as Acting Registrar with effect from 9 April 2021.

Retirement of the Hon Peter Young AO QC

Standing Committee noted that the Hon Peter Young AO QC decided not to accept nomination for election to the Standing Committee to be elected by the 52nd Synod after a total tenure of nearly 40 years, having been first elected to the Standing Committee in October 1980 and elected by each Synod since (excepting 1996-1999), and recorded its profound thanks to Peter for his long and selfless service to the Anglican Church of Australia, especially the Diocese of Sydney. In particular, inter alia –

Standing Committee and its Legal Committee
Member of the Anti-Discrimination Law Reform committee
Diocesan representative on the General Synod
Member of the Canon Law Commission and Church Law Commission
Deputy Chair of Committees, General Synod
Chair of General Synod National Unity Task Force
Chancellor of Bathurst Diocese
Chancellor of Newcastle Diocese
Member Professional Standards Committee
Member of SCECGS Redlands School Council
President of the Professional Standards Board
Member of Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore)
Diocesan representative on Provincial Synod
Chair of the Appellate Tribunal

Peter had also been a member of the Synod since 1966, when he commenced as a Parochial Representative for Willoughby East (now Willoughby Park).

Peter retired on 23 April 2012 from his distinguished judicial career, having served as Chief Judge in Equity and as a Judge of Appeal of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Peter's contributions to the Standing Committee had always been informative, persuasive, and memorable. He had not sought the limelight but instead the extension of the gospel of his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Retirement of Mr John Driver

Standing Committee noted that Mr John Driver decided not to accept nomination for election to the Standing Committee to be elected by the 52nd Synod. John had served as a member of the Synod under Part 8 since 2011, and was elected to Standing Committee as a member elected by the Northern Regional electors, and had served in many capacities, including most recently as a member of the committee reviewing Gender Representation on Diocesan Boards and Committees.

Standing Committee thanked John for his service and prayed God's blessing upon John and Kath.

Retirement of the Rev Justin Moffatt

Standing Committee noted that the Rev Justin Moffatt decided not to accept nomination for election to the Standing Committee to be elected by the 52nd Synod. Justin was elected to the Standing Committee in 2014 and had served on numerous committees in that time, including the Work Outside the Diocese Committee, the Service Review Committee, the Council of Trinity Grammar School and as a member of the Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee.

Standing Committee thanked Justin for his service and prayed God's blessing upon Justin and Laurel.

Retirement of Mr Phillip Shirriff

Standing Committee noted that Mr Phillip Shirriff decided not to accept nomination for election to the Standing Committee to be elected by the 52nd Synod. Phillip had served on many boards and committees in the Diocese, including as a member since 1991 of the (then) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat, the Sydney Anglican Church Investment Trust and Glebe Administration Board, ultimately serving as Chair of all three from 2003 until 2009. Phillip had continued his service to the Diocese on the Standing Committee, to which he was first elected by the Synod in 2008.

Standing Committee thanked Phillip for his service and prayed God's blessing upon Phillip and Ruth.

Retirement of Mr Lyall Wood AM RFD

Standing Committee noted that Mr Lyall Wood AM RFD decided not to accept nomination for election to the Standing Committee to be elected by the 52nd Synod. Lyall was first elected by the regional electors of the Western Sydney Region in 2010, and among his other contributions, served as a member of the Diocesan Retirements Board since 2010.

Standing Committee thanked Lyall for his service and prayed God's blessing upon him.

Appointment of Chair of Social Issues Committee

Standing Committee noted that Dr Chase Kuhn was elected Chair of the Social Issues Committee on 24 February 2021, congratulated him on his appointment and looked forward to his contribution as Chair of the SIC.

Chair of Sydney Anglican (National Redress Scheme) Corporation

Standing Committee noted that Mr Doug Marr had resigned as Chair of the Sydney Anglican (National Redress Scheme) Corporation, with effect from 9 March 2021, and thanked Mr Marr for his dedicated service as inaugural Chair of the Corporation since its establishment in 2018, including leading the Diocese's participation in the National Redress Scheme.

Chair of Work Outside the Diocese Committee

Standing Committee noted that Mr Doug Marr had resigned as Chair of the Work Outside the Diocese Committee, with effect from 9 March 2021, and thanked Mr Marr for his service to the Committee.

Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn: Thanks to our Archbishop and Metropolitan

Standing Committee noted a letter addressed to the Archbishop from the Bishop-in-Council for the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, the Rt Rev Dr Mark Short.

Change of parish names and church names

Standing Committee noted that the Archbishop had approved the following changes –

- (a) the parish of Picton will now be the parish of Picton and Wilton,

- (b) the church name of Wilton Community Anglican Church, in the parish of Picton and Wilton, will now be the Wilton Anglican Church,
- (c) the church name of Emmanuel Church, in the parish of Lawson, will now be Central Villages Anglican Church.

Amalgamation of parishes by the Northern Regional Council

Standing Committee noted that the Northern Regional Council had –

- (a) approved the amalgamation of the parish of West Lindfield with the parish of West Pymble, effective 1 January 2021, with the parish being known as West Pymble with West Lindfield, and
- (b) approved the amalgamation of the parish of Ermington with the parish of Eastwood, effective from 1 January 2021.

Recognition of Grace City Church under the *Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000*

Standing Committee noted that the South Sydney Regional Council, at its meeting on 15 July 2020, determined that Grace City Church would become a recognised church from 1 January 2021.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 15 February 2021.

NSW Council of Churches

Standing Committee received the following report from the President –

‘At the meeting of the Board of the NSW Council of Churches on Tuesday 16 March 2021, we welcomed the newest member church to the Council, the Christian Missionary Alliance. The Council now consists of eight constituent member churches, namely –

- The Anglican Church (Diocese of Sydney)
- The Baptist Church of NSW
- The Christian Reformed Churches of Australia
- The Christian Missionary Alliance of Australia
- The Churches of Christ in NSW
- The Fellowship of Congregational Churches
- The Presbyterian Church of NSW
- The Salvation Army (Eastern Territory)’

National Bishops’ Meeting

Standing Committee noted a communiqué from the Primate, Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, dated 17 March 2021.

Death of the Rt Rev Bruce Wilson

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of the Rt Rev Bruce Wilson on 20 March 2021, gave thanks to God for the life and service of Bishop Wilson, and assured Mrs Zandra Wilson of its prayers for her in her time of loss.

Bishop Wilson was a Moore College graduate, ordained in Sydney in 1965, served in the parishes of Beverly Hills, Darling Point and Paddington, as well as Chaplain to UNSW, before moving to Canberra & Goulburn where he was consecrated an Assistant Bishop, later serving as Bishop of Bathurst, 1989-2000.

Dr Claire Smith led the Standing Committee in prayer for Mrs Wilson.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Eighteenth session of General Synod

Standing Committee noted a circular letter from the General Secretary dated 26 February 2021, confirming that the 18th session of the General Synod had been postponed for the second time, and is now expected to be held in June 2022.

Parish and Regional Restructure

Alteration of Regional Boundaries

Standing Committee noted that the Archbishop had altered the Regional Boundaries as outlined in an attached report, with effect from 1 July 2021.

Printing of report for Synod

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

Emergency Executive Subcommittee of the Standing Committee Impact of COVID-19 on meetings of the Standing Committee and the Synod

Dissolution of the Emergency Executive Subcommittee

Standing Committee –

- (a) thanked those members willing to serve on the Emergency Executive Subcommittee of the Standing Committee (EES),
- (b) noted that the EES was never convened and hence did not make any decisions or take any actions under its delegated authority (or otherwise), and
- (c) dissolved the EES with immediate effect.

Appellate Tribunal Opinion – Wangaratta Liturgy

Standing Committee received a letter and –

- (a) expressed its view that the Majority Opinion of the Appellate Tribunal of the Anglican Church of Australia validating a liturgy for the blessing of same sex unions is in error both in law and theology,
- (b) further expressed its concern that the use of the ‘Wangaratta Liturgy’ or any derivative services will fracture the hard won constitutional unity of the Anglican Church of Australia and therefore called on all Anglican ministers not to act unilaterally on the Opinion but to wait for it be considered at the next General Synod, and
- (c) respectfully requested the Archbishop to communicate the terms of this resolution to the diocesan bishops and diocesan councils of the Anglican Church of Australia.

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South Head Variation of Trusts and Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented, having received the consent of the Parish Council

Ordinance	Status
Quakers Hill Trust Ordinance 2021	Assented
Synod Fund Application Ordinance 2021	Assented

Oakhurst (Richard Johnson Anglican School) Leasing and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the leasing of certain land at Oakhurst, to vary trusts and matters consequential thereto.

Anglican Church Growth Corporation (Pilot Program) Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Anglican Church Growth Corporation (Pilot Program Enabling) Ordinance 2020* and the *Anglican Church Growth Corporation (Pilot Program Enabling No 2) Ordinance 2020*.

Sydney Diocesan Services Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Sydney Diocesan Services Ordinance 2017*.

Endowment of the See Capital Fund Ordinance 2012 Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to make certain changes with respect to the administration of the assets held in trust for certain purposes related to the Endowment of the See.

Interpretation Ordinance 1985 Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Interpretation Ordinance 1985*.

Parramatta (Indemnity of Private Trustees) Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide an indemnity to the outgoing Trustees with respect to the Endowment Fund held by the Trustees in trust for the Parish of Parramatta.

Wollongong Regional Council (Sussex Inlet) Variation of Trusts and Mortgaging Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts of certain land at Sussex Inlet and to provide for the mortgaging of certain land.

North Sydney Mortgaging Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at North Sydney.

Elections

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

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

Election of Committees etc

Standing Committee noted a draft document which sets out the elections to take place at the May meeting, and requested members who wish to make nominations to give notice to the Diocesan Secretary prior to 10 May 2021.

Affiliated Churches Committee

The Rev James Harricks and Ms Jane Paingakulam were elected.

Barker College, Council of

Professor Alison Rodger was elected.

Endowment of the See Corporation

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that a vacancy for 1 person will arise in the membership of the Endowment of the See Corporation at the May 2021 Standing Committee meeting, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling the vacancy at its meeting on 17 May 2021.

General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on

Vacancy for a lay person as declared 15 February 2021.

Election of the Rt Rev Richard Lewers

At its meeting on 15 February 2021, the Standing Committee agreed to elect the Rt Rev Richard Lewers to the first clergy vacancy occurring in the Diocese's Clergy representation on General Synod. The Rev Kate Haggard resigned on 16 February 2021 and Bishop Lewers was duly elected from 17 February 2021 in accordance with the Standing Committee's resolution.

Glebe Administration Board

Vacancies for two persons as declared 19 October 2020 and 23 November 2020.

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that vacancies for 3 persons will arise in the membership of the Glebe Administration Board at the May 2021 Standing Committee meeting, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling the vacancies at its meeting on 17 May 2021.

Ministry Training and Development, Council of

Miss Amanda Curley was elected.

New College Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that vacancies for 2 persons will arise in the membership of New College Limited at the Annual General Meeting of the company scheduled to be held in May 2021,
- (b) agreed as a matter of urgency to consider filling the vacancy relating to Mr Bruce at this meeting with effect from the Annual General Meeting, and
- (c) agreed to consider filling the remaining vacancy at its meeting on 17 May 2021.

The Rev Andrew Bruce was then elected.

Robert Menzies College

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that vacancies for 2 persons will arise in the membership of Robert Menzies College at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling those vacancies at its meeting on 17 May 2021 with effect from the Annual General Meeting.

Safe Ministry Board

The Rev Tom Hargreaves was elected.

SCECGS Redlands Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that a vacancy for one person to be appointed as a director of SCECGS Redlands will arise at the conclusion of the 2021 AGM, and
- (b) agreed to consider making a recommendation to SDS to fill this vacancy at its meeting on 17 May 2021.

SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that a vacancy for one person to be appointed as a director of SCEGGS Darlinghurst will arise in relation to Ms Tina Lee on 24 May 2021 at the conclusion of the 2021 AGM, and agreed as a matter of urgency, to consider making a recommendation to SDS at this meeting regarding the filling of this vacancy, and
- (b) noted that a vacancy for one person to be appointed as a director of SCEGGS Darlinghurst will arise by 30 June 2021, and
- (c) agreed to consider at its meeting on 17 May 2021 making a recommendation to SDS to fill this vacancy.

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

Sydney Anglican (National Redress Scheme) Corporation

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that a vacancy for one person will arise in the membership of the Sydney Anglican (National Redress Scheme) Corporation at the May 2021 Standing Committee meeting, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling the vacancy at its meeting on 17 May 2021.

Sydney Diocesan Services

Vacancy for a person as declared 23 September 2019.

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that vacancies for two persons will arise in the membership of Sydney Diocesan Services at the May 2021 Standing Committee meeting, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling the vacancies at its meeting on 17 May 2021.

Anglican Schools Corporation
Evangelism and New Churches
Living Faith, the Council of
Ministry in Socially Disadvantaged Areas Committee
Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool
Parish Relationships Ordinance Licensing Review Group
Provincial Synod Tribunal
St Catherine's School, Waverley, Council of
The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) St Andrew's House Corporation – Mr Luke Jackson had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Abbotsleigh, The Council of – Mr Ross Bowden had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a layman.
- (c) The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of – The Rev Peter Hutchinson had resigned.
- (d) General Synod Relations Committee – Mr Doug Marr had resigned.
- (e) Diocesan Representatives on Provincial Synod – Mr Doug Marr had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

- (f) Royal Commission Steering Committee – Mr Doug Marr had resigned.
- (g) Work Outside the Diocese Committee – Mr Doug Marr had resigned.

Election of members

The Rev Gavin Parsons, Mr Malcolm Purvis, and Mr Tony Willis were elected.

- (h) Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council – Mr David Busutel had resigned as a member and Chair and a vacancy was declared for a person. Mr Peter White had been elected as Chair.

Sydney Diocesan Services, Glebe Administration Board and other Diocesan Organisations

SDS Minutes

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

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Receipt of report concerning SDS

Standing Committee received a report concerning Sydney Diocesan Services.

Receipt of report concerning GAB

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Feedback from diocesan organisations about SDS services

Standing Committee noted a report.

Anglican Church Growth Corporation Progress Report – Quarter 4, 2020

Standing Committee received a report and noted –

- (a) the progress made in Q4 2020 against the Growth Corporation 2020-2022 Strategic Plan, and
- (b) the update on additional actions being taken by the Growth Corporation.

Service Review Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to amend the Service Review Committee's Terms of Reference in the manner outlined in the report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Property Receipts Levy

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) agreed to review the whole operation of the Property Receipts Levy with a focus on simplifying the calculation for parishes (including removing the duplication of expenses and loan repayments) in time for any recommended amendments to be promoted to Synod before the due date of 25 October 2025, and
- (b) noted that the Finance Committee intends to advise parishes to report income from a cemetery or columbarium at either I4 or I5 in the Property Income Worksheet, as is most appropriate in the circumstances.

AICD governance training for members of diocesan boards and school councils

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report, and
- (b) agreed to contribute \$6,000 from Synod Fund Contingencies to fund the participation in the 3 day AICD governance training course being run by SDS in July 2021 of 2 persons nominated by the Archbishop who might not otherwise have access to the resources to participate.

Report from the Work Outside the Diocese Committee

Standing Committee received a report.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Special session of the 52nd Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Business papers for Synod

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

- (a) business paper for the ordinary session of the Synod, updated to reflect matters decided at this meeting, and
- (b) business paper for the first day of the special session to elect the next Archbishop of Sydney.

Opt-in for printing

Standing Committee endorsed the proposal to –

- (a) invite Synod members to opt-in to receive printed forms of Synod materials, and
- (b) arrange for the printing and postage of Synod Book 2 as outlined in the report.

Publishing material on the SDS website

Standing Committee authorised the Diocesan Secretary, in consultation with the Archbishop –

- (a) to arrange publication on the SDS website of material from Diocesan organisations that may otherwise have been handed out upon entrance to the Synod theatre, and
- (b) to draw attention to these when practicable, in conjunction with other communications to Synod members.

Recommendations regarding second ordinary session of Synod

Standing Committee noted, with regard to the second ordinary session in September 2021, the intention of the Diocesan Secretary –

- (a) to bring to its May 2021 meeting, the available and relevant information to enable the Standing Committee to recommend to the Archbishop the duration of the planned second ordinary session of Synod, along with a recommendation on how to address the elections associated with the session, and
- (b) in the meantime, if our hold on six dates in September is sufficiently challenged, to pay a deposit to secure only two days (Monday to Tuesday) for the session at the ICC.

Appointment of Administrative Committee

Standing Committee noted that Bishop Peter Hayward, with the concurrence of the Archbishop, had appointed an Administrative Committee in accordance with clause 4 of the *Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982*, comprising Bishop Peter Hayward (Administrator), Mr Tony Willis and Mr Daniel Glynn in consultation with Mrs Briony Bounds.

Motion of thanks for Bishop Ivan Lee

Standing Committee requested that a suitable form of the following motion be moved “by request of the Standing Committee” at the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod –

“Synod gives thanks to God for the life and ministry of Bishop Ivan Lee. His testimony of trusting Jesus in the face of cancer and his devotion to seeing churches grow have left an indelible mark on the life of the Diocese. He is sorely missed. We pray that Virginia and her family will be comforted in the knowledge that we do not grieve like the rest who have no hope, because Jesus has died and risen from the dead, and that Ivan has gone to be with Jesus, his Lord, which is better by far.”

Administrator’s report

Standing Committee noted a report and approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for the forthcoming special session of Synod.

Interim Standing Committee report to Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a draft Interim Report of the Standing Committee to the Synod, showing items related to the March 2021 meeting in tracked form, and
- (b) approved the printing of a suitable form of the report, taking into account decisions made at this meeting, for the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod.

66/19 Review of the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 Amendment Ordinance 2021 Synod Elections Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2021 Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2021

Bill for the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 Amendment Ordinance 2021

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved the printing of a suitable form of Bill for the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 Amendment Ordinance 2021, subject to the inclusion of a suitable amendment to enable existing members of Standing Committee who would otherwise become disqualified for membership as a result of the regional boundary changes, to continue until the elections at the 53rd ordinary session of Synod,
- (b) requested that the Bill be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”,
- (c) recommended that the Synod pass the Bill as an ordinance of the Synod.

Bill for the Synod Elections Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2021

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved the printing of a suitable form of Bill for the Synod Elections Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2021,
- (b) requested that the Bill be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”,
- (c) recommended that the Synod pass the Bill as an ordinance of the Synod.

Bill for the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2021

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved the printing of a suitable form of Bill for the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2021,
- (b) requested that the Bill be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”,
- (c) recommended that the Synod pass the Bill as an ordinance of the Synod.

Printing of explanatory report

Standing Committee approved of the printing for the Synod of a suitable form of Explanatory Report.

76/19 Gender Identity – Practical Guidelines for Ministers and Parishes

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Dissemination of Practical Guidelines

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that the Archbishop, acting through the relevant Regional Bishop, will send the Practical Guidelines for Ministers and Parishes and the Suggested Responses to Practical Questions to all parish clergy and licensed lay pastoral staff, with a copy to each Parish Council for their information, and
- (b) requested that the following motion be moved at the forthcoming session of Synod “by the request of Standing Committee” –

‘Synod, noting the report *76/19 Gender Identity – Practical Guidelines for Ministers and Parishes*, notes that in response to resolution 76/19 the Archbishop, acting through the Regional Bishops, has distributed the Practical Guidelines for Ministers and Parishes and the Suggested Responses to Practical Questions attached to that report to all parishes.’

- (c) approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod.

Review of the Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report and exposure draft of the bills for the Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2021 and the Reportable Allegations and Convictions Ordinance 2021,
- (b) requested that the following motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod “by the request of the Standing Committee” –

“Synod, noting the report *Consultation on exposure drafts bills for the Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2021 and Reportable Allegations and Convictions Ordinance 2021*, invites members of Synod to provide feedback on the exposure draft bills by 30 June 2021.”, and

- (c) approved of the printing of a suitable form of the report and draft bills for the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod.

Consecration of Archbishop of Sydney Ordinance 2021

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the Bill for the Consecration of Archbishop of Sydney Ordinance 2021 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”,
- (b) recommended that the Synod pass the Bill as an ordinance of the Synod,
- (c) approved the printing of a suitable form of Explanatory Statement and Bill for the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod.

Provincial Synod Tribunal Ordinance

Standing Committee noted the *Provincial Synod Tribunal Ordinance 2020* and requested that a suitable Bill to adopt the ordinance, with accompanying explanatory statement, be prepared for adoption by the Synod; and approve the printing of the report for the forthcoming ordinary session of Synod.

Classification – Terrey Hills

Standing Committee received a report and approved the printing of a suitable form of this report for the first session of the 52nd Synod.

Application for presentations at Synod: New Churches for New Communities and Anglican Aid

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted the following request from the Executive Director of New Churches for New Communities, Mr Gabriel Lacoba –

‘On behalf of NCNC, I am seeking Standing Committee’s goodwill to show a 3 minute video at an appropriate point during the ordinary or special sessions of Synod in May. The video will introduce myself as the new Executive Director of NCNC, and will be shot at the site of

the Leppington church, giving an update on progress. Prayer for the work following the video would be welcome.', and

(b) noted the following request from the CEO of Anglican Aid, Canon Tim Swan –

'On behalf of Anglican Aid, I would like to ask the approval of the Standing Committee for Anglican Aid to give a 3 minute update video to Synod at some point during either the ordinary session or the special session, to be followed by a prayer.

Standing Committee will remember that at the 'Mission Hour' in 2019, the Rev Berthier Lainirina spoke about the impact of PTC in his nation of Madagascar. In the last months, there has been famine and revival in Madagascar, with a response supported at every step by Anglican Aid. The video will highlight this work and so report back to Synod on progress made since the 2019 session.

Additionally, questions were raised at the 2019 Synod regarding Anglican Aid's Community Care Fund. Therefore, as a way of reporting back, I seek the approval of the Standing Committee to give a 3 minute update video during the September ordinary session of Synod on local projects within Sydney Diocese sponsored through Anglican Aid's Community Care Fund, and to briefly pray after the video.',

and agreed to allow, at a time considered suitable by the President –

- (i) the presentation of a 3 minute video produced by New Churches for New Communities at either of the first ordinary session, or the election Synod; to be followed by prayer; and
- (ii) the presentation of a 3 minute video produced by Anglican Aid at either of the first ordinary session, or the election Synod; to be followed by prayer; and
- (iii) the presentation of a 3 minute video produced by Anglican Aid at the second ordinary session; to be followed by prayer.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Gender Identity – Advice to Schools and Organisations

76/19 Gender Identity – Practical Guidelines for Ministers and Parishes

Standing Committee, pursuant to Synod Resolution 73/19, approved –

- (a) the Archbishop-in-Council's Advice to Anglican Schools in the Diocese of Sydney regarding Gender Identity; and
- (b) the Archbishop-in-Council's Advice to Anglican Organisations in the Diocese of Sydney regarding Gender Identity.

Other Matters

Ministry and Socially Disadvantaged Areas Committee – Memorandum of Understanding

Standing Committee received a report from Bishop Peter Hayward.

Restructure of the Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council

Standing Committee received a report from the Chair of the Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council.

Registrar's Committee for Portraits, plaques and photographs

Standing Committee received a report from the Registrar's Committee for Portraits, plaques and photographs.

Bodies corporate that report to Synod

Standing Committee noted a supplementary report.

Date of next meeting

Monday 17 May 2021.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 17 May 2021

Bible Reading and prayer

Following a reading by the Administrator from Psalm 78, Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo and Bishop Gary Koo opened the meeting in prayer, after which the Standing Committee prayed the prayer for *Mission 2020*.

President Peter Hayward

Bishop Peter Hayward presided at the meeting of the Standing Committee as the Administrator of the Diocese pending the commencement in office of the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel as the next Archbishop.

Membership of Standing Committee

Standing Committee welcomed the following members as their term formally commenced, thanked them for their patience and their contribution to meetings as they attended in previous months and looked forward to their continuing contribution to our work –

The Rev Roger Cunningham
Mr Greg Hammond OAM
Mr Norman Lee
The Rev Dominic Steele
Mr Mark Streeter
Dr Andrew Tong

New Chief Executive Officer of Anglican Schools Corporation

Standing Committee noted an announcement from the Chair of the Anglican Schools Corporation, Mr Philip Bell regarding the appointment of a new CEO for Anglican Schools Corporation.

Mr Michael Easton

Standing Committee noted an announcement regarding the appointment of Mr Michael Easton as a Deputy President of the Fair Work Commission and congratulated him on this appointment.

Bishop Andy Lines

Standing Committee noted a –

- (a) letter from Archbishop Glenn Davies dated 19 February 2021 to Bishop Andy Lines, sent at the request of the Standing Committee, and
- (b) letter in response, from Bishop Lines dated 11 April 2021.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 22 March 2021.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Election of the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that at the special session of the 52nd Synod, held 4-6 May 2021, the Very Rev Kanishka De Silva Raffel was elected and then unanimously invited to be the next Archbishop of Sydney,
- (b) congratulated Kanishka on his election,
- (c) noted that Kanishka will be consecrated a Bishop and installed as Archbishop at a service on Friday 28 May 2021 at St Andrew's Cathedral, and
- (d) assured Kanishka and Cailey of our prayers, particularly during the lead up to his inauguration and transition to office.

Consecration of the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received the following report from the Acting Registrar –

‘In accordance with subclause 3(2) of the *Consecration of the Archbishop of Sydney Ordinance 2021*, the Archbishop-elect, the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel, has suggested that the Standing Committee name the Archbishop of Adelaide, the Most Rev Geoffrey Smith, as Consecrating Bishop at the consecration to take place on 28 May 2021.’

Determination of consecrating bishop

Standing Committee, pursuant to subclause 3(2) of the *Consecration of the Archbishop of Sydney Ordinance 2021*, and in accordance with the suggestion of the Archbishop-elect Dean Kanishka Raffel, determined the Most Rev Geoffrey Smith to be the consecrating bishop for the forthcoming consecration of Dean Raffel to be held 28 May 2021.

Use of the title of “Archbishop” by Bishop Glenn Davies

Standing Committee noted a statement from Dr Robert Tong AM and confirmed its comfort that Bishop Glenn Davies continue to use the title ‘Archbishop’ when he judges it to be suitable to do so.

Eighteenth session of General Synod

Standing Committee noted that the eighteenth session of General Synod has been scheduled for Sunday 8 – Friday 13 May 2022, to be held at the RACV Royal Pines Gold Coast, Queensland.

Ordinances

Ordinances passed at the last meeting

Standing Committee received from the Diocesan Secretary, the following summary of the status of ordinances passed at the Standing Committee meeting held on 22 March 2021 –

Ordinance	Status
<i>Oakhurst (Richard Johnson Anglican School) Leasing and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented, having received the consent of the Parish Council
<i>Anglican Church Growth Corporation (Pilot Program) Amendment Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented
<i>Sydney Diocesan Services Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented
<i>Endowment of the See Capital Fund Ordinance 2012 Amendment Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented, following review by the Endowment of the See Corporation
<i>Interpretation Ordinance 1985 Amendment Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented
<i>Parramatta (Indemnity of Private Trustees) Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented
<i>Wollongong Regional Council (Sussex Inlet) Variation of Trusts and Mortgaging Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented
<i>North Sydney Mortgaging Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented, following expiry of objection period

The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid Ordinance 2011 Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to update the governance arrangements for the Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid by amending *The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid Ordinance 2011*.

Wollongong Regional Council (Leppington) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts of certain land held by the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney (the ACPT) as trustee of the Wollongong Regional Council.

Blacktown Trust Ordinance 2021

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

Riverwood-Punchbowl Trust Ordinance 2021

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

Safe Ministry Board Ordinance 2001 – Review Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Senior Legal Counsel and appointed Mrs Elizabeth Moll as an additional member of the Safe Ministry Board Review Committee.

Oakhurst (Richard Johnson Anglican School) Leasing and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2021

Standing Committee received a letter dated 22 March 2021 from the Chair of the Anglican Schools Corporation Board, Mr Philip Bell OAM, the substance of which had been reported by Bishop Chris Edwards during discussion of the matter at the meeting on 22 March 2021.

Review of Nomination Ordinance 2006

Standing Committee agreed to appoint a committee to review the *Nomination Ordinance 2006*, the committee including the Registrar plus 6 members of which at least 3 are laity, and deferred the matter until the next meeting of Standing Committee to enable 6 names to be brought.

St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Ordinance 1962

Standing Committee received a report.

Camden Trust Ordinance 2017 // Camden Land Sale Ordinance 2017

Application of sale proceeds

By clause 6(2)(d) of the *Camden Trust Ordinance 2017*, Standing Committee directed that any part of the ACPT - Camden Trust comprising sale proceeds arising under the *Camden Land Sale Ordinance 2017* may be applied in and towards the costs of and incidental to the construction of a multi-functional worship centre on the site of St John's Camden subject to the amount or amounts in total so applied not exceeding a certain amount.

Parish intent to promote an ordinance

Standing Committee noted the consent from the Parish Council of the Parish of Camden for the Standing Committee to pass an ordinance at a future meeting to vary the trusts of the sale proceeds arising under the *Camden Land Sale Ordinance 2017* to the extent necessary to enable \$200,000 of the proceeds to be added to the Synod Fund within 12 months of the completion of the sale.

Cathedral Ordinance 1969 – The St Andrew's Cathedral School Council Regulations

This matter was deferred.

Elections

Election of Committees etc

Continuance of existing members

Standing Committee noted that at its meeting on 24 August 2020, in accordance with the usual custom, Standing Committee agreed that existing members on the boards and committees to be filled by the Standing Committee continue as members until their successors are appointed.

Anglican Media Council

The following persons –

Mrs Deborah L Blackwell	Bishop Gary Koo
The Rev Lachlan Edwards	Mr James Wackett
Mr Niall I Henderson	

were elected subject to their consent.

Living Faith Council

The following persons –

The Rev Dominic Steele
Ms Sally Hutchinson

were elected subject to their consent.

Affiliated Churches Committee

The following persons –

Standing Committee members	Non-Standing Committee members
Dean Kanishka Raffel	The Rev James Harricks
The Rev Philip J Wheeler	Ms Jane Paingakulam
	The Rev Archie Poulos

were elected subject to their consent.

Finance Committee

The following persons –

Standing Committee members	Non-Standing Committee members
Mr John S Pascoe	Mr Rodney C Cosier
Ms Nicola V Warwick-Mayo	Mr Greg Muddle
	Mr Mark A Robinson
	Mr Ian J Steward

were elected subject to their consent.

General Synod Relations Committee

The following persons –

Standing Committee members	Non-Standing Committee members
The Rev Nigel E J Fortescue	The Rev Dr Andrew L Ford
Dean Kanishka Raffel	The Rev Gavin M Poole
Dr Laurie Scandrett	The Rev James C B Warren
Dr Karin N Sowada	
Bishop Michael R Stead	
The Rev Dr Mark D Thompson	
Dr Robert Tong AM	

were elected subject to their consent.

Minute Reading Committee

The following persons –

Mrs Stacey Chapman
Mr Clive G Ellis
Miss Jennifer S Flower
Mrs Jeanette Habib
Mr Anthony J Willis

were elected.

Ordinance Reviewers

The following persons –

Mr Clive G Ellis	Mr Michael K Meek SC
Ms Michelle T England	Dr Robert Tong AM
Mr Jeremy Freeman	Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo
Canon Andrew Grant	

were elected subject to their consent.

Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel

The following persons –

Mr Michael Easton
Mr Jeremy Freeman
The Rev Stephen R Gibson
Bishop Michael R Stead

were elected subject to their consent.

Religious Freedom Reference Group

The following persons –

Standing Committee members	Non-Standing Committee members
Mr Norman Lee	The Rev Dr Edward Loane
Mrs Emma Penzo	
Bishop Michael R Stead	
Dr Robert Tong AM	
Mr Robert J Wicks	

were elected subject to their consent.

Item 23 Royal Commission Steering Committee

The following persons –

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 Michael K Meek SC	Mr Russell Powell
Dr Robert Tong AM	

were elected subject to their consent.

Item 24 Service Review Committee

The following persons –

Mr Jeremy Freeman
The Rev Gavin Parsons
Dr Claire Smith

were elected.

Item 25 Social Issues Committee

The following persons –

Standing Committee members

Mrs Emma Penzo
Dean Kanishka Raffel

Moore College Faculty member

Dr Chase R Kuhn

Non-Standing Committee members

Dr Megan Best
The Rev Dr Andrew Errington
The Rev Dr Andrew L Ford
Dr Darren C Mitchell
The Hon John Ryan AM JP
Ms Simone Sietsma

were elected subject to their consent.

Item 26 Stipends and Allowances Committee

Standing Committee received a note from the Chair of the Stipends and Allowances Committee.

Item 28 Work Outside the Diocese

The following persons –

Standing Committee members

The Rev Gavin Parsons
Mr Malcolm Purvis
Mr Tony Willis

Non-Standing Committee members

The Rev Alan J M Lukabyo
The Rev Justin M Moffatt
The Rev Caitlin Orr
The Rev Gavin M Poole
Mrs Kathryn Thompson

were elected subject to their consent.

Deemed appointment of Chair and Deputy Chairs of Committee for the Standing Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and noted the deemed appointment of Dr Robert Tong AM as Chair of Committee of the Standing Committee, and Canon Phillip Colgan, Mr Michael Easton and Dr Karin Sowada as Deputy Chairs of Committee of the Standing Committee, and thanked each of these for their willingness to serve.

Abbotsleigh, The Council of

Mr Rod Dring was elected.

Anglican Schools Corporation

Mr Niall Henderson was elected.

Endowment of the See Corporation*Receipt of report*

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

Filling of vacancy

Mrs Amanda Garlato was elected.

Glebe Administration Board*Receipt of report*

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Filling of vacancies

Mr Greg Hammond OAM, Ms Christine Hawkins AM, Mr Richard Jamieson and Mr David Wong were elected.

The remaining vacancy was deferred.

Living Faith, the Council of

The Rev Stephen Frederick was elected.

Ministry in Socially Disadvantaged Areas Committee

The Rev Mark Tough was elected.

New College Limited

Receipt of report

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

Filling of vacancy

This matter was deferred until the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

Robert Menzies College

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and noted vacancies for two persons.

Filling of vacancies

Mr Russell Lee and Ms Jenny Chu were elected.

SCECGS Redlands Limited

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Filling of vacancy

Standing Committee recommended to Sydney Diocesan Services that it reappoint Mrs Anna Reed-Stephenson to fill the vacancy arising at the AGM on 24 April 2021 for a person on the SCECGS Redlands Ltd Board.

SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Filling of vacancy

Standing Committee recommended to Sydney Diocesan Services that it appoint the Rev Daniel Dries to fill the vacancy for a person on the SCEGGS Darlinghurst Limited Board arising from 30 June 2021.

Sydney Anglican (National Redress Scheme) Corporation

Receipt of report

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

Filling of vacancy

Mrs Emma Penzo was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Services

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and noted vacancies for two persons.

Filling of vacancy

Mr John Pascoe was elected.

Deferral of remaining vacancy

The vacancy declared 23 September 2019 was deferred.

**Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council
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Provincial Synod Tribunal
St Andrew's House Corporation
St Catherine's School, Waverley, Council of
The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Anglican National Superannuation Board – Mr Michael Blaxland had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a representative of Fund Members.
- (b) Anglican Education Commission – The Rev Dr Nicholas Foord had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person. Standing Committee deferred consideration of the vacancy until following the second ordinary session of the Synod.
- (c) Synod Membership, Part 8 – Miss Deborah Earnshaw had resigned as a Nominated Layperson and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (d) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee – Archdeacon Deryck Howell had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person. Standing Committee expressed its thanks to Archdeacon Howell for his service on the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee.
- (e) Blue Mountains Grammar School – Mrs Michelle Catto had resigned effective from 20 March 2020 and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and elected Mr Philip Cunningham.

Sydney Diocesan Services, Glebe Administration Board and other Diocesan Organisations

Anglican Church Growth Corporation Progress Report – Quarter 1, 2021

Standing Committee received a report and noted –

- (a) the progress made in Q1 2021 against the Growth Corporation 2020-2022 Strategic Plan, and
- (b) the update on additional actions being taken by the Growth Corporation.

Funding of the Diocesan Overhead Charge

Receipt of report

Standing Committee noted a report.

Request for ordinance

Standing Committee requested that a suitable form of ordinance be prepared and promoted to the June 2021 meeting of the Standing Committee to give effect to an additional distribution of \$96,000 from the Diocesan Endowment for the purposes of meeting the shortfall in Synod's 2021 budget in relation to the funding of Diocesan Overhead.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Anglican Church Growth Corporation – funding

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report from the Finance Committee,
- (b) supported the continuation of the seed funding of the ACGC, and
- (c) encouraged the ACGC to –
 - (i) continue its oversight of major parish development projects and the other 'value add' initiatives that have benefited the whole Diocese, and
 - (ii) continue to seek donations in support of its vision and to help meet initial operating expenses.

Anglican Church Property Trust – management fee

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Synod

Synod minutes of 3 May 2021 (First Ordinary Session)

Signing of the minutes

Standing Committee –

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

Synod minutes of 6 May 2021 (Special Session)

Signing of the minutes

Standing Committee –

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

Proceedings of the First Ordinary and Special sessions of Synod

Standing Committee noted the Proceedings of the First Ordinary and Special Sessions of Synod will be published on the Synod's webpage on the SDS website (www.sds.asn.au).

Synod attendances

Standing Committee noted statistics for Synod member attendances.

Review of recent sessions of Synod

Invitation to provide feedback regarding Synod

Standing Committee invited members to provide written feedback regarding the operation of the recent sessions of the Synod and the venue, to the Diocesan Secretary by email (DiocesanSecretary@sydney.anglican.asn.au).

Invitation to provide feedback on the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance

Standing Committee –

- (a) invited members to provide feedback on the function of the *Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982* and any changes that may be considered to the Diocesan Secretary by end May; and
- (b) asked the Diocesan Secretary to provide a report to the June meeting of the Standing Committee on the matters raised, with a view to appointing a committee at that meeting to undertake a review of the ordinance, if it is considered useful to do so.

Invitation to provide feedback on SDS services

Standing Committee invited members to provide feedback on the services provided by SDS during the recent sessions of Synod, to the Chair of the Service Review Committee, Mr Jeremy Freeman by 21 May 2021.

Resolutions of the Synod and communication of Synod decisions

Actions arising from Synod resolutions

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.

Circular to parishes on Synod matters

Standing Committee noted that the Diocesan Secretary sent a [circular on 7 May 2021](#) to parishes on matters arising from the Synod sessions, including a copy of the resolutions passed and highlighting the matters of particular interest.

3/21 Domestic Abuse Leave for Clergy

Standing Committee noted that Synod passed resolution 3/21 in the following terms –

‘Synod, noting the report “Domestic abuse leave for clergy” –

- (a) agrees in principle that provision be made by parishes to provide leave to members of clergy who are unable to perform their duties because they are experiencing domestic abuse or dealing with the impact of experiencing domestic abuse; and
- (b) requests the Standing Committee to amend its annual Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff to provide for domestic abuse leave for clergy on this basis, with the changes effective 1 July 2021.’

and requested that the Diocesan Secretary update the Remuneration Guidelines in accordance with the request of the resolution as set out in the annexure to the report, *Domestic abuse leave for clergy*; and notify parishes of the updated guidelines.

7/21 Ministry to all Australians, regardless of educational qualifications

Standing Committee noted that Synod passed resolution 7/21 in the following terms –

‘Synod –

- (a) gives great thanks to God for his salvation, and the precious diversity of people who are members of our churches,
- (b) praises God for the extraordinary fruit in this Diocese from ministry to University students and for the number of University educated people in our churches, and
- (c) notes that only 35% of the Australian adult population have a bachelor’s degree or higher qualification (<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/education/education-and-work-australia/latest-release#nonschool-qualifications>).

In light of paragraph (c), this Synod requests that the Strategy and Research Group consider conducting research into the effectiveness of our parishes and diocesan organisations in engaging the 65% of Australians without a bachelor’s qualification, focusing in particular on the following questions –

- (i) In what ways are we reaching these Australians with the gospel of grace? Where are there needs and opportunities to grow this ministry?

- (ii) In what ways are we welcoming and valuing these Australians as members of our churches? Where are there needs and opportunities to grow this ministry?
- (iii) In what ways are we discipling these Australians to live new lives in light of the gospel of grace? Where are there needs and opportunities to grow this ministry?
In what ways are we equipping these Australians to share the gospel of grace and build up others in that gospel? Where are there needs and opportunities to grow this ministry?'

and referred the request of the resolution to the Strategy and Research Group.

8/21 Episcopal Standards Ordinance

Standing Committee noted that Synod passed resolution 8/21 in the following terms –

‘Synod requests the Standing Committee to prepare a Bill for an Episcopal Standards Ordinance for promotion to the second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod.’

and, noting that a draft form of Episcopal Standards Ordinance is being prepared by the Diocesan Legal Counsel, agreed to consider at its next meeting appointing a committee to review the draft form, with a view to promoting a Bill for an ordinance to the next ordinary session of the Synod.

Second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Recommendation for three day second ordinary session of Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) recommended to the Archbishop that he confirm a three day second ordinary session of the Synod, being 6-8 September 2021; and
- (b) agreed to allocate up to \$20,000 from Synod Fund Contingencies for this purpose.

Conduct of elections during the second ordinary session of Synod

Standing Committee recommended to the Administrator that he –

- (a) declare pursuant to Rule 8.2(1)(a)(2) of the *Synod Election Ordinance 2000* (the Ordinance) that –
 - (i) it is impracticable to conduct an election during the ordinary session in September 2021 as there is reasonable likelihood that the session will conclude prior to the three days required for in person ballots, and
 - (ii) the alternative rules set out in the Schedule to the Ordinance should be utilised to determine any contested elections by online ballot, and
- (b) specify the date of 6 September 2021 to be regarded as the first appointed day of the ordinary session for the purposes of the election, pursuant to rule 8.2(3) of the Ordinance.

Publication of material from Diocesan organisations

Standing Committee authorised the Diocesan Secretary, in consultation with the Archbishop –

- (a) to arrange publication on the SDS website of material from Diocesan organisations that may otherwise have been handed out upon entrance to the Synod theatre, and
- (b) to draw attention to these when practicable, in conjunction with other communications to Synod members,

and to do so on an ongoing basis.

Other Matters

Standing Committee venue

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Preferred location for Standing Committee meetings

Standing Committee confirmed its willingness to continue meeting at the Heath Centre, rather than the Chapter House, to be reviewed in March 2023.

Date of next meeting

Monday 21 June 2021.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 21 June 2021

Bible Reading and prayer

Following a reading by the Archbishop from Psalm 79, Mr Gavin Jones and Canon Phil Colgan opened the meeting in prayer, after which the Standing Committee prayed the prayer for *Mission 2020*.

Remote meeting of the Standing Committee

This meeting was originally planned to be held in person. However, the Archbishop, on the advice of the Diocesan Secretary, decided on 20 June 2021 to hold the meeting by Zoom videoconference, in respect of the recommendations from NSW Health and as a result of the recent increase in hotspots and continued community transmission of COVID-19.

Archbishop Kanishka Raffel

Standing Committee welcomed Archbishop Kanishka Raffel to his first meeting as Archbishop and looked forward to his ministry to us as Archbishop and President.

Thanks to Bishop Peter Hayward for his service as Administrator

Standing Committee thanked with acclamation Bishop Peter Hayward for his service as Administrator of the Diocese during the recent vacancy in the See of Sydney and, in particular, gave thanks for his service as President during the recent ordinary session of the Synod.

Acting Dean

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that Canon Christopher Allan had been appointed Acting Dean of the Cathedral, and
- (b) invited Canon Allan to attend and speak, but not vote or move motions, at meetings of Standing Committee until the next Dean takes up office.

Acting Registrar

Mr Tony Willis as Acting Registrar

Standing Committee noted with acclamation that Mr Tony Willis is expected to complete his commitment serving as Acting Registrar on 2 July 2021, and thanked Mr Willis for his willingness to step into this role at a critical time, particularly for his support provided to Bishop Peter Hayward in his responsibilities as Administrator, to Bishop Peter Lin in his responsibilities as President of the Election Synod, and to Archbishop Raffel following his election and in his first month as Archbishop.

Bishop Michael Stead as Acting Registrar

Standing Committee noted that Archbishop Kanishka Raffel had invited Bishop Michael Stead to serve for a period of six months as Acting Registrar, in addition to his responsibilities as Bishop of South Sydney, commencing 3 July 2021, and assured Bishop Stead of its thanks and prayers as he takes on this additional responsibility.

The President spoke to these two motions.

Anglicare CEO

Standing Committee noted an announcement from the Chairman of Anglicare, Mr Greg Hammond OAM, regarding the resignation of the CEO of Anglicare, Mr Grant Millard.

Confessing Church of Anglicans Aotearoa New Zealand

Standing Committee noted a letter from Bishop Jay Behan, dated 7 June 2021.

Queen's birthday honours

Standing Committee congratulated the following members of this Diocese who were recently awarded a Queen's birthday honour –

The Rev Dr James Collins – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the Anglican Church of Australia.

Mr Malcolm Young – a member of the parish of Darling Point – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Double Bay.'

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 17 May 2021.

Appointment of Deputy Chair of Committee

Standing Committee appointed Bishop Michael Stead as a Deputy Chair of Committee for the Standing Committee, in accordance with its regulation 7.3.3, for the purpose of certifying the passing of any ordinances at Standing Committee meetings held via electronic means rather than in person.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Global South Fellowship of Anglican Churches

The Archbishop addressed the Standing Committee regarding the Global South Fellowship of Anglican Churches.

Anglican Education Commission

Standing Committee received –

- (a) a report regarding the Anglican Education Commission from the Chair, Dr John Collier, and
- (b) related letter from Dr Collier, addressed to the Standing Committee.

1 York Street – Restructured Head Lease

Receipt of correspondence from the parish

Standing Committee received a letter from the Parish of Church Hill.

Receipt of report from ACPT

Standing Committee received report from the ACPT.

St John's Parramatta Development

Standing Committee noted an update provided by the Anglican Church Property Trust.

Strategy and Research Group – Rector Workforce Study

Standing Committee received a report on the Rector Workforce Study, commissioned by the Strategy and Research Group.

Ordinances

Ordinances passed at the last meeting

Standing Committee received from the Diocesan Secretary, the following summary of the status of ordinances passed at the Standing Committee meeting held on 17 May 2021 –

Ordinance	Status
The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid Ordinance 2011 Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented
Wollongong Regional Council (Leppington) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2021	Assented
Blacktown Trust Ordinance 2021	Assented
Riverwood-Punchbowl Trust Ordinance 2021	Assented

St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2021

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and deferred consideration of this ordinance.

Diocesan Endowment (Diocesan Overhead) Appropriation Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorise the appropriation and allocation of an amount from the capital of the Diocesan Endowment and for matters incidental thereto.

Fairy Meadow Trust Ordinance 2021

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

Keiraville Mortgaging Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at Keiraville.

Lugarno Trust Ordinance 2021

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

Sadleir Trust Ordinance 2021

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

Cathedral Ordinance 1969 – The St Andrew's Cathedral School Council Regulations

Standing Committee received a report from the Deputy Chair of the Cathedral Chapter and, in accordance with subclause 24(3) of the *Cathedral Ordinance 1969*, resolved to approve the amendments to the Schedule in the manner shown in the marked form of Ordinance.

Review of Nomination Ordinance 2006

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Appointment of committee to review the Nomination Ordinance 2006

Standing Committee agreed to appoint a committee to review the *Nomination Ordinance 2006*.

Synod Election Ordinance 2000

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed in principle that the *Synod Elections Ordinance 2000* should be amended to provide a 12 week deadline for the circulation of the election return required under rule 2A.1.

Elections

Election of Committees etc

Diocesan Resources Committee

The following persons –

The Rev Andrew Bruce
Canon Phil Colgan
Mr John Pascoe

were elected subject to their consent.

The Rev Dr Mark Thompson thanked Bishop Peter Hayward for his service on the Committee.

Camperdown Cemetery Trust

The Rev Dr Andrew Errington was elected.

Endowment of the See Corporation

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

King's School, The Council of the

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and noted vacancies for two members of the clergy.

Filling of vacancy

The Rev Jenni Stoddart was elected.

The remaining vacancy was deferred.

Royal Commission Steering Committee

Standing Committee received a report.

SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that a vacancy for one person to be appointed as a director of SCEGGS Darlinghurst will arise by 31 December 2021, and
- (b) agreed to consider at its meeting on 12 July 2021 making recommendations to SDS to fill this vacancy.

St Catherine's School, Waverley, Council of

The Rev Marcelo Morbelli was elected.

Synod Membership, Part 8

Mrs Lyn Miles was elected.

Anglican National Superannuation Board
Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council
Evangelism and New Churches
Glebe Administration Board
New College Limited
Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool
Parish Relationships Ordinance Licensing Review Group
Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representatives on
Provincial Synod Tribunal

**St Andrew's House Corporation
Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee
Sydney Diocesan Services
The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee – Mrs Glenda Devlin had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Anglican Schools Corporation – Dr Cassandra Sharp had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Affiliated Churches Committee – Archbishop Kanishka Raffel had resigned.
- (d) General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on – Archbishop Kanishka Raffel is now a member of the General Synod in the House of Bishops and so is no longer qualified to be a member of the clergy. Accordingly, a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

The Rev Kate Haggar was elected to fill the clergy vacancy, and Mr Robert Wicks was elected to fill the lay vacancy.

- (e) Social Issues Committee – Archbishop Kanishka Raffel had resigned.

**Sydney Diocesan Services, Glebe Administration Board
and other Diocesan Organisations**

Minutes

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

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Report concerning Sydney Diocesan Services

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Services.'

Report concerning the Glebe Administration Board

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.'

Diocesan Endowment – Report on Investment Performance March 2021

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.

ACPT management fee

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Superannuation update

Standing Committee received a note from the Chair of Anglican Super, Mr James Flavin.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Review of recent sessions of Synod Review of Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Committee to review the ordinances relevant to the Archbishop's election

Standing Committee constituted a committee provide recommendations for amendment to the *Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982*.

8/21 Episcopal Standards Ordinance

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and referred the review of the ordinance a committee, and asked the committee to bring a report and Bill to a future meeting, with a view to promoting an ordinance to the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod.

9/21 Problem Gambling: harm minimisation methods

Responses received from government

Standing Committee noted detailed responses from –

- Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC
- Dr Joe McGirr MP (covering email only)
- The Hon Jonathan O'Dea MP
- Mr John Tansey, Executive Director, Policy and Strategy, on behalf of the Hon Victor Dominello MP

and further noted that responses to resolution 9/21 have been received from the following members of the NSW Parliament –

Mr Mark Coure MP (referred matter to the Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Customer Service)

Mr Alex Greenwich MP

The Hon Shelley Hancock MP (referred matter to the Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Customer Service)

The Hon Brad Hazzard MP (referred matter to the Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Customer Service)

Ms Jenny Leong MP (referred matter to Ms Cate Faehrman MLC, NSW Greens portfolio holder for gambling)

The Hon AJ Marshall MP (referred matter to the Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Customer Service)

The Hon Mark Speakman MP'

Referral to the Social Issues Committee

Standing Committees referred responses received from NSW MPs on Synod motion "9/21 Problem Gambling: harm minimisation methods" to the Social Issues Committee and requested it to consult with Canon Sandy Grant regarding further analysis and possible further advocacy in this area.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Harbour Church

Standing Committee, noting the recommendation of the Wollongong Regional Council that Harbour Church should not continue as a recognised church of the Diocese of Sydney, in accordance with clause 20(1) of the

Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000, recommended that the Archbishop-in-Council determine that the recognition of Harbour Church should cease with effect from 1 July 2021.

Other Matters

National Anglican Family Violence Project Research Report Top Line Results

Standing Committee noted the recent publication of the *National Anglican Family Violence Project Research Report Top Line Results* from the General Synod's National Anglican Family Violence Working Group and referred the report, including the *Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia*, to the Domestic Violence Response Monitoring Committee, and requested the Committee to provide a report to the Standing Committee with initial observations on how the national study interacts with the work of the Diocese in this area.

Referral to the Diocesan Doctrine Commission

Standing Committee asked the Doctrine Commission to prepare a report on the doctrine of concupiscence and its relevance to the experience of same-sex attraction.

Date of next meeting

Monday 12 July 2021.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 12 July 2021

Bible Reading and prayer

Following a reading of Psalm 80 by the Archbishop, Mr Jeremy Freeman and Archdeacon Kara Hartley opened the meeting in prayer, after which the Standing Committee prayed the prayer for *Mission 2020*.

Attendance at Standing Committee

Standing Committee invited Bishop Malcolm Richards to attend and speak (but not vote) at meetings of the Standing Committee, in his capacity as Bishop for International Relations.

The Standing Committee subsequently welcomed Bishop Richards to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 21 June 2021.

Anglican Diocese of Sydney submission to the Review of the Australian Curriculum for Foundation to Year 10

Standing Committee noted a submission dated 7 July 2021, made on behalf of the Diocese by Bishop Chris Edwards (with the concurrence of the Archbishop) in his capacity as Bishop responsible for Education, to the Review of the Australian Curriculum for Foundation to Year 10.

Standing Committee expressed its appreciation for Bishop Edwards' work in this matter.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Future of Anglican Education Commission

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Ordinances

Ordinances passed at the last meeting

Standing Committee received from the Diocesan Secretary, the following summary of the status of ordinances passed at the Standing Committee meeting held on 21 June 2021 –

Ordinance	Status
St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2021	Deferred See item 3.4.
<i>Diocesan Endowment (Diocesan Overhead) Appropriation Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented
<i>Fairy Meadow Trust Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented
<i>Keiraville Mortgaging Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented
<i>Lugarno Trust Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented
<i>Sadleir Trust Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented

Annandale Mortgaging Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at Annandale.

Oatley Trust Ordinance 2021

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

St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2021

Purpose of ordinance

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

Elections

Anglican Media Council

Mr Scott Monk was elected.

Diocesan Resources Committee

Mrs Stacey Chapman was elected.

Glebe Administration Board

Mr Michael Clancy was elected.

Endowment of the See Corporation

New College Limited

Provincial Synod Tribunal

SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Sydney Diocesan Services

These matters were deferred.

Sydney Diocesan Services, Glebe Administration Board and other Diocesan Organisations

Future of Level 2 Diocesan Offices

Standing Committee received a report and endorsed the direction of the initiatives outlined in that report.

Financial Matters

Recommended minimum stipends

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Chair, Stipends and Allowances Committee, Mr James Flavin.

Deadline to determine recommended minimum stipends for 2022

Standing Committee noted that the August meeting is the last opportunity for Standing Committee to determine recommended minimum stipends for 2022 and then advise parishes within a suitable timeframe for parish budgeting purposes.

Diocesan Investment Strategy

Receipt of report from the Finance Committee

Standing Committee received a report.

Receipt of report from the Anglican Church Property Trust

Standing Committee received an oral report from Mrs Melinda West, Deputy Chair, ACPT regarding ACPT's position in response to the recommendations contained in the Finance Committee report.

Portrait of Archbishop Glenn Davies

Standing Committee received a report from the Acting Registrar and authorised the payment of an amount from Synod Fund Contingencies for the costs associated with the portrait.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received two reports.

Recommendation to postpone the second ordinary session of Synod

Standing Committee, noting the significant increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in the local community, and in anticipation of the likelihood that restrictions will remain in place sufficient to prevent Synod from meeting as scheduled on 6, 7 and 8 September 2021 –

- (a) recommended to the Archbishop that he postpone the planned second ordinary session of Synod until further notice, and
- (b) asked the Diocesan Secretary to bring to the next meeting a report with recommendations as to options to convene the second ordinary session and the impact of a postponed session upon membership of boards, councils and committees elected by the Standing Committee,
- (c) agreed to schedule an additional Standing Committee meeting on Monday 6 September 2021.'

Anglican Church Property Trust's Annual Report to the Synod

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

Mission Property Committee – progress report to Synod

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

Classification of the Provisional Parish of Jamberoo as a Parish

Standing Committee received a report and approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for the forthcoming session of the 52nd Synod.

Governance Policy Review

Standing Committee received an exposure draft report for Synod from the Governance Policy Conformance Review Committee, noting that the recommendations and conclusions are yet to be finalised by the Committee, and requested members to provide feedback by 19 July 2021.

22/18 Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a report prepared for Synod in response to resolution 22/18 Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese, and
- (b) noted a motion proposed to be moved at the forthcoming session 'by request of the Standing Committee',
- (c) agreed to consider a motion at a future meeting, to promote the principal report and proposed motion to the forthcoming session of Synod, and
- (d) invited Pastor Michael Duckett to combine with Mr Tony Willis in jointly moving the motion and answering questions at the relevant Standing Committee meeting, prior to debate on the matter.

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
Parish Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2020
Synod Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2020
Synod – St Andrew’s House Fund Financial Report for 2020

Other Matters

Anglican Church of Australia Family Violence Prevention, Next Steps Working Conference

Receipt of progress report

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a progress report from the Domestic Violence Monitoring Committee, and
- (b) noted that an updated version with completed figures will be provided to the August meeting for promotion to the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Attendance at the Next Steps Working Conference

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted an invitation for diocesan representatives to attend the Anglican Church of Australia Family Violence Prevention, Next Steps Working Conference to be held 10-11 August 2021 in Melbourne, and
- (b) authorised up to \$2,500 to be allocated from Synod Fund Contingencies to reimburse travel and accommodation costs for each of Canon Sandy Grant and Archdeacon Kara Hartley to attend as representatives of the Diocese.

Standing Committee meeting dates for 2022

Standing Committee agreed to the following meeting dates for 2022 –

7 February	25 July
7 March	22 August
4 April	17 October
30 May	7 November
27 June	5 December

noting that the eighteenth session of General Synod is planned for the week commencing Sunday 8 May 2022, and the third ordinary session of the 52nd Synod is scheduled to be held in the weeks commencing Monday 12 and Monday 19 September 2022.

Date of next meeting

Monday 9 August 2021.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 9 August 2021

Bible Reading and prayer

Following a reading by the Archbishop of Psalm 81, Dr Ian McFarlane and the Rev Stephen Gibson opened the meeting in prayer, after which the Standing Committee prayed the prayer for *Mission 2020*.

In Attendance at Standing Committee

Standing Committee welcomed Canon Chris Allan, Acting Dean of St Andrew's Cathedral, to the meeting.

Change of parish name

Standing Committee noted that on 12 July 2021 the Archbishop approved the name change for the Parish of South Creek to now be the Parish of Camden Valley.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 12 July 2021.

Appointment of Canon Andrew (Sandy) Grant as the 13th Dean of Sydney

Standing Committee received a report from the Acting Registrar and warmly welcomed the appointment of Canon Sandy Grant as the 13th Dean of Sydney.

Canon Phillip Colgan led the Standing Committee in prayer for Canon Grant and his family.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Regional name change – Georges River Region South Western Region

Revised region name

Standing Committee noted that, pursuant to subclause 3(2) of the [Regions Ordinance 1995](#), the Archbishop had renamed the Georges River Region to be called the South Western Region, with effect from 14 July 2021.

Revised Regional Bishop's title

Pursuant to subclause 2(1) of the *Assistant Bishops Ordinance 1947*, Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that Bishop Peter Lin bear the title, "Bishop of the South Western Region".

Ordinances

Ordinances passed at the last meeting

Standing Committee received from the Diocesan Secretary, the following summary of the status of ordinances passed at the Standing Committee meeting held on 12 July 2021 –

Ordinance	Status
<i>Annandale Mortgaging Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented
<i>Oatley Trust Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented
<i>St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2021</i>	Assented, having received the consent of the parish council.

Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018 Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018* to allow the Standing Committee to declare that property income be both exempt from the Property Receipts Levy and not be taken into account in determining the applicable calculation band of the Levy on other property income.

St John's Parramatta Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2019*, the *Parramatta (Vesting of Property) Ordinance 2019*, and the *Parramatta (Further Vesting of Property) Ordinance 2021*.

Stipend Continuance Fund Ordinance No 32, 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to re-declare the trusts on which a fund established for the purposes of administering stipend continuance payments is held, and for purposes related thereto.

Nomination Ordinance 2006 – Review Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Chair of the Nomination Ordinance Review Committee and appointed the Deputy Registrar as an additional member of the Nomination Ordinance Review Committee.

Parishes (COVID-19 and General Meetings No. 2) Ordinance 2020

Standing Committee noted a document signed by Archbishop Raffel in accordance with clause 2(1) of the *Parishes (COVID-19 and General Meetings No.2) Ordinance 2020*, extending the period during which General Meetings may be undertaken 'remotely', until 31 December 2021.

Elections

Election of Committees etc

Stipends and Allowances

The following persons –

Clergy

The Rev Richard Blight
The Rev Ben Gray
The Rev Ross Ryan
Mrs Lenore Symons (clergy spouse)

Lay members

Mr James Flavin
Miss Jenny Flower
Mr Jeremy Freeman
Dr Darren Mitchell
Mr Paul Willis

were elected.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

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

Indigenous

Mrs Kaylene Manton
Mr Mark Manton
The Rev Rick Manton
Mr Kerry McKenzie
Mr Tom Moore
Mr Michael Paduch-Duckett
Mr Leon Turvey

Non-Indigenous

The Rev Andrew Hudson
Mr Philip Miles
Ms Susan Sellar
Mr Anthony J Willis

Retirements at the first Standing Committee meeting next following the second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report and agreed to consider, at its first meeting in 2022, filling the positions expected to fall vacant following the second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod.

Request for ordinance to deem the retirement date

Standing Committee requested that a suitable form of ordinance be prepared and promoted to a future meeting of the Standing Committee to give effect to the deemed retirement date for these positions.

Election of members of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and under section 12 of the *Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917*, declared a vacancy with effect from 6 September 2021 in the offices of members of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney for the Rev David Ould and Mr Peter J Rusbourne, by reason that they have come to the end of their terms of office.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and noted a vacancy for 1 Indigenous person to be appointed by the Archbishop with the agreement of the Standing Committee taking into account the recommendations of the Committee.

Endowment of the See Corporation New College Limited Provincial Synod Tribunal SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd Sydney Diocesan Services

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) King's School, The Council of The – The Rev Jenni Stoddart had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

Sydney Diocesan Services, Glebe Administration Board and other Diocesan Organisations

Sydney Diocesan Services Minutes

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

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Report concerning Sydney Diocesan Services

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Services.

Report concerning the Glebe Administration Board

Standing Committee received report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Diocesan Endowment – Report on Investment Performance June 2021

Standing Committee received a report.

Work of the Professional Standards Unit

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Recommended Minimum Stipend for 2022

Standing Committee received a report.

Application for exemption from the Property Receipts Levy – Parish of Broadway

Standing Committee received a report and the supporting documentation from the parish, and with effect from the date of assent of the *Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018 Amendment Ordinance 2021* –

- (a) resolved under subclause 4(1)(b)(ii) of the *Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018* to exempt the 2019 income of St Barnabas Broadway arising from the St Barnabas Terraces from the Property Receipts Levy, and
- (b) resolved under subclause 4(2) of the *Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018* that the 2019 income from the St Barnabas Terraces is not to be included when determining the applicable band for calculation of the Property Receipts Levy on any other income of the parish.

Application for exemption from the Property Receipts Levy – Parish of Darlington

Standing Committee received a report and the supporting documentation from the parish, and with effect from the date of assent of the *Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018 Amendment Ordinance 2021* –

- (a) resolved under subclause 4(1)(b)(ii) of the *Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018* to exempt the income from 118A Darlington Road Darlington (the “Hammondcare lease”) from the calculation of the Property Receipts Levy only until the next review date of the *Darlington Trust Ordinance 2015*, and
- (b) resolved under subclause 4(2) of the *Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018* that the income from 118A Darlington Road Darlington (the “Hammondcare lease”) is not to be included when determining the applicable band for calculation of the Property Receipts Levy on other property income of the parish, for the same term.

Synod

Second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod – Convening the session

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Arrangements for the second ordinary session

Standing Committee received a further report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Recommendation to convene the second ordinary session

Standing Committee –

- (a) recommended to the Archbishop that he plan to convene the second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod on the dates of 28 February to 2 March 2022,
- (b) authorised the Diocesan Secretary to secure with deposit those dates,
- (c) requested the Diocesan Secretary to convey those dates to members of the Synod as the planned dates for the second ordinary session,
- (d) agreed to the proposed approach and timeline to publishing the Synod materials outlined in the report from the Diocesan Secretary, and
- (e) agreed in principle to cancel the meeting of the Standing Committee scheduled for 7 March 2022 if the session of Synod is convened on 28 February 2022.

Second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod – Elections

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Additional vacancy within the notice period

Standing Committee noted that subsequent to the circulation of the agenda, the Rev Jenni Stoddart withdrew her name as a nominee for the Council of the King's School in accordance with clause 3.4 of the Schedule to the *Synod Elections Ordinance 2000*, and as a consequence, a vacancy for a member of the clergy will be brought to the September meeting of the Standing Committee.

Presentations at the 2nd ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that the Anglican Church Growth Corporation, New Churches for New Communities and the Mission Property Committee would appreciate an opportunity to present a combined video at the next session of Synod, being about 4 minutes long, looking at what is critical for the future of the Diocese in terms of property and how the three bodies are planning through the various arms of the Diocese for the future, and
- (b) agreed to allow at the next session of Synod, at a time considered suitable by the President, the presentation of a video as described, to be followed by prayer.

Diocesan Organisations' Conformity with the Governance Policy

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Governance Policy Conformity Review Committee.

Motion for Synod

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

Printing of report for Synod

Standing Committee approved the printing of a suitable form of the report as a report from the Standing Committee to the next ordinary session of the Synod.

Amendments to Faithfulness in Service

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report,
- (b) approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for the next ordinary session of the Synod, and
- (c) requested that a suitable motion be moved "by the request of the Standing Committee" for the Synod to adopt the changes to Faithfulness in Service proposed in the report.

2/15 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

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

42/18 Reporting on the National Redress Scheme

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Director of Professional Standards.

Report from Anglican Community Services

Standing Committee received a report from the Chairman of Anglican Community Services (Anglicare).

Reminder to participants in the National Redress Scheme of reporting requirements

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to remind all Diocesan organisations (including schools) which have joined the National Redress Scheme (NRS), whether through Anglican Representative (National Redress Scheme) Limited or directly, of the terms of Synod resolution 42/18 and requested that such information be provided to the Director by no later than 30 September 2021 to enable the Director to prepare a suitable report for the next ordinary session of Synod, and authorised the printing of that report for the Synod.

8/21 Episcopal Standards Ordinance

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and appointed Mrs Stacey Chapman and the Rev Catherine Wynn-Jones as additional members of the taskforce to draft an Episcopal Standards ordinance.

Other Matters

Date of next meeting

Monday 6 September 2021.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 6 September 2021

Bible Reading and prayer

Following a reading of Psalm 82 by the Archbishop, Ms Michelle England and the Rev Roger Cunningham opened the meeting in prayer, after which the Standing Committee prayed the prayer for *Mission 2020*.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 9 August 2021.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Safe Ministry Training

Standing Committee received a report from the Acting Registrar and –

- (a) noted the requirements of the *Safe Ministry to Children Ordinance 2020* (the Ordinance) concerning safe ministry training,
- (b) agreed the current COVID-19 circumstances are exceptional circumstances to implement these requirements with flexibility, and
- (c) recommended to the Archbishop that he, pursuant to clause 14(2) of the Ordinance, declare there is just cause for those whose safe ministry training expires during 2021 to have the expiry date extended until 31 March 2022.

Appellate Tribunal Opinion – Wangaratta Liturgy

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and noted two responses from –

- (a) the Rt Rev Garry Weatherill, Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat, dated 30 July 2021 and
- (b) Mr Keith Stephens, Diocesan Secretary of the Diocese of Perth, dated 23 August 2021.

Future of Anglican Education Commission

Standing Committee received a report, and –

- (a) requested the AEC to advise how they see the Diocesan Policy Statement on Education relates to the AEC's own recommendation that "the Synod prepare and adopt a statement about its vision and expectations for Anglican schools", and
- (b) agreed, on receipt of such advice, to assemble a committee to consider any action in response to the AEC recommendations in this report and any associated issues.

Ordinances

Ordinances passed at the last meeting

Standing Committee received from the Diocesan Secretary, the following summary of the status of ordinances passed at the Standing Committee meeting held on 9 August 2021 –

Ordinance	Status
Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018 Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented
St John's Parramatta Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented
Stipend Continuance Fund Ordinance 2021	Assented

Synod Funding Arrangements Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998* and the *Cost Recoveries Framework Ordinance 2008* to make special arrangements for Synod funding for the 52nd and 53rd Synods.

Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorise financial appropriations and allocations for 2022 and for incidental matters.

Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2021

Purpose of ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to determine the costs for parochial units and for a levy for the acquisition of land for church sites payable by parochial units in 2022, to authorise the application of such charges and for incidental purposes.

Receipt of report from Diocesan Resources Committee

Standing Committee noted a report from the Diocesan Resources Committee.

Elections

Anglican Education Commission

Vacancy for a person with formal theological training not filled by the Synod session in September 2021.

Deferral of vacancy

Standing Committee received a report and agreed not to consider filling the vacancy until further notice.

Anglican National Superannuation Board

Vacancies for 1 person who is a representative of a Participating Organisation, and for 2 persons who are members of the Fund not filled by the Synod session in September 2021.

Deferral of vacancies

Standing Committee received a report from the Chair of the Anglican National Superannuation Board and agreed not to consider filling the vacancies until the ordinance review is completed, or May 2022, whichever is the earlier.

Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee

Vacancies for 2 persons not filled by the Synod session in September 2021.

Deferral of vacancies

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to not consider filling the vacancies until a suitable report is received from the Diocesan Legal Counsel.

Provincial Synod Tribunal

Mr Steve Lucas and Mr Mark Streeter were elected.

Social Issues Committee

Canon Sandy Grant was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Services

Vacancy for a person as declared 17 May 2021.

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Filling of vacancy

Ms Elizabeth Livingstone was elected.

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These matters were deferred.

Casual vacancies

- (a) Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney (Youthworks), Council of – Mr Mark Streeter had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Services, Glebe Administration Board and other Diocesan Organisations

Anglican Church Growth Corporation Progress Report – Quarter 2, 2021

Standing Committee received a report and noted –

- (a) the progress made in Q2 2021 against the Growth Corporation 2020-2022 Strategic Plan, and
(b) the update on additional actions being taken by the Growth Corporation.

Submission to ACNC re Living Faith

Standing Committee noted a submission provided by Living Faith to the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission's in response to the ACNC's notice of intention to refuse Living Faith's application for registration as a charity, and expressed its appreciation to the Senior Legal Counsel, Mr Steve Lucas, for preparing this comprehensive submission.

Financial Matters

Reporting by parishes and Diocesan organisations

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Remuneration Guidelines for 2022 Minister's Expense Account reform Minister's Discretionary Benefit Account

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Publication of remuneration guidelines

Standing Committee authorised the publication of a suitable form of the Remuneration guidelines document per the report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Appointment of remuneration contentment committee

Standing Committee appointed a "remuneration contentment committee" (comprising Bishop Michael Stead, Bishop Gary Koo, the Rev Gary O'Brien, Mr Peter Mayrick, Dr Erica Sainsbury, Mr John Pascoe, Mr James Flavin, Canon Sandy Grant and a further member, being a female member of the clergy or lay ministry worker, co-opted to the committee in consultation with the Archdeacon for Women's Ministry), to consider mechanisms for ongoing education of clergy and church workers, who receive fringe benefits, and of parish councils, who administer them, about further developing godly and wise attitudes in this area, for example, in regards to –

- (a) the direct temptation to greed that many of us face;
- (b) issues surrounding prudence in providing for retirement;
- (c) the perception in parishes, especially where such benefits are not readily available to some wage earners;
- (d) the wider “reasonable person test” of community perception that churches are getting/using increasingly large tax concession “loopholes”.

JobSaver payments

Standing Committee noted a Circular which was sent to all parishes on 1 September 2021 (and slightly revised on 2 September 2021).

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Standing Committee received two reports.

Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Appointment of committee

Standing Committee agreed to appoint Bishop Chris Edwards (Chair), Mrs Stacey Chapman, Mr Greg Hammond OAM, the Rev Matt Heazlewood, Ms Anne Robinson, Dr Laurie Scandrett, Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo and Mr Robert Wicks to the Governance Policy Review Committee with power to co-opt additional members, provided that at all times at least 50% of the members of the Committee are members of Standing Committee.

Pastoral Consultation (Professional Supervision) Recommendation

Standing Committee noted a report.

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

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

Other Matters

National Anglican Family Violence Working Group Conference

Standing Committee received an oral report from Canon Sandy Grant and noted that research studies on the following matters had been released on 17 August 2021 –

- (a) National Anglican Family Violence Research Report,
- (b) NAFVP Prevalence Study Report,
- (c) NAFVP Experience Study Report, and
- (d) NAFVP Clergy and Lay Leaders Report.

Date of next meeting

Monday 11 October 2021.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 11 October 2021

Bible Reading and prayer

Following a reading by the Archbishop of John 1:1–18, Dr Andrew Tong and the Rev Craig Schafer opened the meeting in prayer, after which the Standing Committee prayed the prayer for *Mission 2020*.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 6 September 2021.

Dr John Collier

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a letter from Dr John Collier, Head of St Andrew's Cathedral School, formally advising that at end December 2021, the positions of Head of St Andrew's Cathedral School and Head of Gawura, will pass to Dr Julie McGonigle, and
- (b) thanked Dr Collier for his outstanding service as Head of the Cathedral School since 2010 and in other leadership positions in the Diocese in the area of Christian Education including as a member of the Board and current Chair of Anglican EdComm and wishes him well as he takes up new opportunities for Christian service,
- (c) warmly welcomed Dr McGonigle, and
- (d) prayed for God's blessing and provision for the School community and the Collier and McGonigle families during this time of change.

Bishop Chris Edwards led the Standing Committee in prayer for Dr Collier and Dr McGonigle.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Anglican Church of Wales – Blessing of same-sex couples

Decision of the Governing Body of the Church in Wales

Standing Committee noted –

- (a) an explanatory memorandum for a Bill for the Governing Body of the Anglican Church in Wales to introduce blessings of same-sex couples, and
- (b) that the Bill was passed by the Governing body by the requisite 2/3rds majority in each of its three houses, on 6 September 2021.

Response to decision of the Governing Body of the Church in Wales

Standing Committee recorded its dismay and disappointment with the majority decision of the Governing Body of the Church in Wales to authorise a liturgy for the blessing of same sex couples.

This decision separates the Church in Wales from the mainstream of belief and practice in the Anglican Communion and the historic teaching of Church based on God's revelation of his purpose for humanity in Holy Scripture. Sadly, and regrettably, the Bench of Bishops played a leading role in this decision. Instead of "guarding what was committed to your trust" (1 Tim.6:20), they have betrayed it.

It is our earnest prayer that the Church in Wales repent of this decision and with confidence and steadfastness continue in the teaching of the Apostles.

Convening of the second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Response to correspondents

Standing Committee noted correspondence regarding the timing of the planned session and requested that the Diocesan Secretary communicate that –

- (a) unfortunately the dates for the proposed Synod cannot now be changed,
- (b) the Standing Committee agrees that it was unhelpful to arrange the Synod at this time without considering the impact for some members of the Synod of the dates chosen, and apologises for the impact that this has had on these members of Synod.

Ordinances

Ordinances passed at the last meeting

Standing Committee received from the Diocesan Secretary, the following summary of the status of ordinances passed at the Standing Committee meeting held on 6 September 2021 –

Ordinance	Status
Synod Funding Arrangements Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented
Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2021	Assented
Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2021	Assented

Diocesan Endowment Ordinance 2016 Amendment Ordinance 2021

Purpose of ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Diocesan Endowment Ordinance 2016*.

Approval of Ethical Investment Policy

Standing Committee approved an Ethical Investment Policy for the purposes of clause 7(2) of the *Diocesan Endowment Ordinance 2016*.

Diocesan Cash Investment Fund Ordinance 2016 Amendment Ordinance 2021

Purpose of ordinance

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

Approval of Ethical Investment Policy

Standing Committee approved an Ethical Investment Policy for the purposes of clause 6(2) of the *Diocesan Cash Investment Fund Ordinance 2016*.

Living Faith Council Ordinance 2020 Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Living Faith Council Ordinance 2020*.

St Catherine's Waverley Ordinance 1922 Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *St Catherine's School Waverley Ordinance 1922*.

Cobbitty Amendment, Allocation and Authorisation Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to –

- (a) amend the *Cobbitty Trust Ordinance 2013* to make arrangements for the long-term lease of Lot 1/DP562336,
- (b) to direct purposes for which certain capital of the ACPT – Cobbitty Trust may be applied, and
- (c) to authorise the Anglican Church Property Trust to provide consent to the mortgaging of the lease by the lessee.

Concord and Burwood Trust Ordinance 2003 Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Concord and Burwood Trust Ordinance 2003*.

Northbridge Trust Ordinance 2021

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

Terrey Hills Trust Ordinance 2021

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

Wollongong Trust Ordinance 2016

Standing Committee received a letter from the Parish Council of St Michael's Cathedral, Wollongong and resolved under clause 8 of the *Wollongong Trust Ordinance 2016* to extend the review date for a further five years until 12 December 2026.

Ordinance procedure – regulations for consideration of proposed trust ordinances

Standing Committee, noting that its Policy 1.3 requires parishes and organisations to put in place a suitable master trust ordinance before Standing Committee will consider an ordinance to authorise dealing with or variation of trusts in respect of any of its property, and further noting that the majority of proposed trust ordinances are exact implementations of the template master trust ordinance, agreed to amend its regulation 1.3 relating to Master trusts, by appending the following additional paragraph as a new 1.3.2 –

'Where a parish seeks a master trust ordinance in the standard form, an "adequate statement of evidence" pursuant to subclause 11(e) of the *Ordinance Procedures Ordinance 1973* in relation to an application for a parish master trust ordinance need only include –

- (a) a statement as to why the parish is promoting the master trust,
- (b) a statement setting out the variable elements in the standard form ordinance, in relation to the capitalisation percentage (clause 7), review date (clause 8) and commencement date of the ordinance,
- (c) a statement confirming that the trust is in a standard form, or to the extent that there are minor departures from the standard form, a suitable explanation of any variations along with reasonable background information (such as parish finances and attendance for relevant years, if applicable) to allow the Standing Committee to make an informed decision,
- (d) a statement from the parish that they are not aware of any special or unusual circumstances in relation to parish property that have bearing on the operation of the master trust ordinance, and
- (e) if the ordinance will vary the current arrangements for the application of any personal property, an explanation of the variation.'

Elections

Election of Committees etc

Mission Property Committee

The following persons –

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

were elected.

Ministry in Socially Disadvantaged Areas Committee

The following persons –

Bishop Peter Hayward
The Rev Joseph Wiltshire
Mr Peter Kell

were elected, noting that the Rev Mark Tough was also elected as a member of the Committee on 17 May 2021.

Bishop Hayward and Mr Wiltshire absented themselves from the meeting for this item.

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

Mr Robert Smithies was elected.

Canon Craig Roberts did not speak or vote on this item.

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These matters were deferred.

Sydney Diocesan Services, Glebe Administration Board and other Diocesan Organisations

Sydney Diocesan Services Minutes

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

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Report concerning Sydney Diocesan Services

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Services.

Report concerning the Glebe Administration Board

Standing Committee received 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.

2021 COVID-19 JobSaver payments (further revised) circular

Standing Committee noted a circular relating to the recent changes to JobSaver and thanked Mr Martin Thearle for his prompt and helpful support of parishes in the development of this and similar circulars throughout the pandemic, which have been of immense value in navigating the government's stimulus framework.

Synod

Second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Western venues for Synod and Standing Committee

Venues for Synod and Standing Committee

Standing Committee received a report and encouraged Archbishop Raffle to consider opening the February/March or September 2022 session of Synod with the Synod service and Presidential Address held on the prior Saturday in a suitable venue in the Greenfields area.

27/18 Voluntary Relinquishment of Incumbency

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to defer a review of the Voluntary Relinquishment of Incumbency policy until 2024 or after the 5th relinquishment, whichever comes sooner.

Strategy and Research Group – Annual Report to Synod

Standing Committee received a report and noted that it will be included in the Standing Committee report to Synod.

Other Matters

Standing Committee – meeting venue

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Strategy and Research Group – Rector Workforce Study

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Strategy and Research Group.

Establishment of working group

Standing Committee established a working group, comprising –

- (a) a member of the SRG, to be nominated by the SRG,
- (b) the Parish HR Partner,
- (c) a Regional Bishop to be nominated by the Archbishop,
- (d) a current Rector of a small parish, to be nominated by the Archbishop,
- (e) the Archdeacon for Women's Ministry,
- (f) a Rector's wife, to be nominated by the Archdeacon for Women,
- (g) the Executive Director of Ministry Training & Development,
- (h) a Mission Area Leader, to be nominated by the Archbishop,
- (i) one or more members of the Standing Committee,

to assist the SRG to address paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of the Standing Committee's request from June 2021.

Ministry in Marginalised Areas

Change of Committee name

Standing Committee, at the request of the Ministry in Socially Disadvantaged Areas Committee (the Committee), agreed to change the name of the Committee to the 'Ministry in Marginalised Areas Committee', and requested the Diocesan Secretary to update the Committee's terms of reference accordingly.

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received the 'Ministry in Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Communities Study Report' dated September 2021, prepared by Anglicare's Social Policy and Research Unit on behalf of the Ministry in Marginalised Areas Committee.

Distribution of report

Standing Committee noted that the Ministry in Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Communities Study Report is to be distributed to the Strategy and Research Group (SRG), Reach Australia, relevant Anglicare staff, NCLS staff, and Morling Theological College.

Bishops, Archdeacons and Executive Assistants

Standing Committee confirmed that the work of the committee constituted on 4 June 2018 to consider the matter of Bishops, Archdeacons and Executive Assistants is now complete.

Date of next meeting

Monday 8 November 2021.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 8 November 2021

Following a reading by the Archbishop of John 1:19-34, Mr Stephen Hodgkinson and the Rev Dominic Steele opened the meeting in prayer, after which the Standing Committee prayed the prayer for *Mission 2020*.

Letter from General Secretary, Gafcon

Standing Committee noted a letter from the Most Rev Dr Benjamin Kwashi, General Secretary of Gafcon.

Change of parish names and the delicensing of a church

Standing Committee noted that the Archbishop has approved the following changes –

- (a) the parish of Guildford with Villawood, to now be known as the parish of Guildford,
- (b) the parish of Huskisson, to now be known as parish of Jervis Bay and St Georges Basin, and
- (c) the delicensing of St Peter's Church, Sanctuary Point in the Parish of Jervis Bay and St Georges Basin.

Amalgamation of parishes by the Western Sydney Regional Council

Standing Committee noted that the Western Sydney Regional Council has approved the amalgamation of the parish of St Marys with the parish of St Clair, effective 1 November 2021, with the parish being known as St Marys and St Clair Anglican Church.

Secretarial arrangements for the December meeting

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that during the absence of the Acting Registrar for the meeting of the Standing Committee to be held 6 December 2021, the Diocesan Secretary will act in an advisory capacity to the Archbishop,
- (b) agreed that for the duration of the meeting, the Assistant Diocesan Secretary, Mrs Briony Bounds will be acting as Secretary for the meeting of the Standing Committee,
- (c) authorises Mrs Bounds to move and speak to motions (but not vote) at that meeting,
- (d) noted that any matters relating to the agenda should be sent to diocesan.secretary@sydney.anglican.asn.au in order to be accessed by all necessary staff, and
- (e) authorises, as an additional measure, the Assistant Diocesan Secretary to move and speak to motions (but not vote) at this (8 November 2021) meeting of the Standing Committee.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 11 October 2021.

NSW Government ban on school camps – impact on Youthworks employees

Standing Committee noted that following the announcement of the COVID-19 lockdown of Greater Sydney in late June 2021, Anglican Youthworks placed the majority of its 125 permanent employees onto reduced working hours and pay, and noted with concern that –

- (a) as of 8 November 2021, the NSW Department of Education has continued its indefinite COVID ban on school overnight outdoor education excursions ('school camps'), and
- (b) NSW Treasury has, in writing and contrary to earlier promises by government ministers, declined to consider industry-specific support for providers of school camps.

Standing Committee resolved to join other supporters of Youthworks in praying for a return to full working hours and remuneration for its employees, particularly the Ministry Support Advisors who work alongside youth and children's ministers and SRE teachers in every parish.

Canon Roberts led the Standing Committee in prayer for Youthworks employees.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Archbishop's Property Forum

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report of the Archbishop's Property Forum.

Establishment of Diocesan Property Directions Committee

Standing Committee established the Diocesan Property Directions Committee (DPDC) as a temporary committee of the Standing Committee, and the following membership and advisors –

Membership of the Committee

The following 9 members of the Standing Committee –

The Archbishop (Chair)
The Rev Canon Phil Colgan
The Rev Dr Raj Gupta
Bishop Peter Lin
Mr John Pascoe
Bishop Michael Stead
Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo
Mrs Melinda West
Mr Robert Wicks

Advisors to the Committee

The following 5 executives –

Mr Ross Jones
Mr Greg Ellem
Executive from Anglicare appointed by the CEO of Anglicare (Mr Grant Millard)
Executive from The Anglican Schools Corporation (TASC) appointed by the CEO of TASC (Mr Peter Fowler)
Executive from Moore College appointed by the Principal (The Rev Dr Mark Thompson).

Proposed application of funds raised by the Property Receipts Levy

Approach regarding the Property Receipts Levy

Standing Committee, subject to any contrary recommendation from the Diocesan Property Directions Committee, approved in principle, the following approach regarding the Property Receipts Levy (PRL) –

- (a) The establishment of a Ministry Infrastructure Development Fund (MIDF), under the governance of the Growth Corporation.
- (b) PRL income to be allocated to the MIDF to support diocesan property development, including for use as income security for the loans for property development.
- (c) Any income from Urban Renewal Pilot Program (URPP) projects through project recoveries, milestone payments and operational revenues that was to come to the Growth Corporation, in the future to be directed to the MIDF.
- (d) An annual budget of Growth Corporation operations to be capped and approved by the Growth Corporation Board with concurrence from Standing Committee's Finance Committee.
- (e) The approved Growth Corporation budget to be funded out of the MIDF.
- (f) The remainder of the MIDF to be allocated according to a 3-5 year capital works program budget, approved by the Growth Corporation Board. This would be connected to Diocesan greenfield and urban renewal priorities, include flexibility for use in either property purchase or building works and include scope for "special projects" that could include funding allocations for:
 - (i) marginal URPP projects with high ministry/evangelism value
 - (ii) funding small parish projects with high ministry/evangelism value
 - (iii) assistance with provision of church planters

- (iv) strategic consultancies for progressing the implementation of Growth Corporation strategies.

Surplus generated by Urban Renewal Projects

Standing Committee foreshadowed the establishment of a policy to outline a framework of benchmarks, such that the majority of the surplus generated by Urban Renewal Projects where the burden of risk and funding is outside the parish, is returned to the Ministry Infrastructure Development Fund (MIDF).

Request for communications plan

Standing Committee requested the Growth Corporation to develop and implement a communications plan to demonstrate transparency in reporting so that stakeholders (especially parishes) can easily see how their contributions through various levies and donations have been invested into ministry and evangelism infrastructure.

Motion for Synod regarding Land Acquisition Levy

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at Synod “by the request of the Standing Committee” to approve a minimum 10-year commitment to requiring parishes to contribute the 2% Land Acquisition Levy to enable greater flexibility in using debt to purchase greenfields properties (as described in Attachment A).

Convening of the second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Second session of the 52nd Synod

Standing Committee noted that the Archbishop intends to convene the second session of the 52nd Synod for the Presidential Address on Saturday 26 February 2022 at Oran Park, with Synod business resuming Monday 28 February – Wednesday 2 March 2022 at the ICC, and further noted that –

- (a) the Diocesan Secretary will advise Synod members of the planned dates following this meeting, which will include information from the committee chaired by Bishop Peter Lin regarding tours of greenfields sites,
- (b) Synod members will be asked to pre-register and pay \$10 in order to take part in the planned tours of greenfield sites on 26 February 2022,
- (c) all reports with substantive recommendations that have been approved for printing for the Synod by the conclusion of this (8 November 2022) Standing Committee meeting, will be compiled into a Synod Book and printed for those Synod members who opt in; with any subsequent reports approved at the December or February meetings provided in a Synod book available only online, and
- (d) the summons for the session will be circulated at a suitable time prior to Christmas.

Cancellation of meeting in March 2022

Standing Committee agreed to cancel its meeting scheduled for 7 March 2022.

Budget for the Synod session in February and March 2022

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) authorised a budget of up to \$12,000, for the purpose of venue hire, audio-visual requirements, and staff associated with the Synod service and Presidential Address planned to be held on 26 February 2022; to be taken from the \$20,000 previously allocated from Synod Fund Contingencies for the purposes of convening the second ordinary session, and
- (b) allocated the balance of the \$20,000 towards the cost of venue hire or other costs associated with the session to be held in February and March 2022.

2.6 Synod in the Greenfields

Standing Committee –

- (a) received an oral report from Bishop Peter Lin regarding progress in organising the Synod Service and tours for ‘Synod in the Greenfields’ on Saturday 26 February 2022, and
- (b) noted the draft form of the website: www.greenfields.sydney.

Ordinances

Ordinances passed at the last meeting

Standing Committee received from the Diocesan Secretary, a summary of the status of ordinances passed at the Standing Committee meeting held on 11 October 2021 –

Ordinance	Status
Diocesan Endowment Ordinance 2016 Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented
Diocesan Cash Investment Fund Ordinance 2016 Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented
Living Faith Council Ordinance 2020 Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented
St Catherine's Waverley Ordinance 1922 Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented
Cobbitty Amendment, Allocation and Authorisation Ordinance 2021	Assented, following expiry of objection period
Concord and Burwood Trust Ordinance 2003 Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented, following expiry of objection period
Northbridge Trust Ordinance 2021	Assented
Terrey Hills Trust Ordinance 2021	Assented

Diocesan Organisation (Certain retirements related to the second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod) Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to set a new retirement date for members of certain boards and councils of Diocesan organisations whose membership was due to expire at or following the second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod.

The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid Ordinance 2011 Further Amendment Ordinance 2021

Purpose of ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend *The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid Ordinance 2011*.

Contact person for Ministry in Marginalised Areas Committee

Standing Committee agreed that The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid is no longer required to appoint a contact person for the Ministry in Marginalised Areas Committee.

Request for review by Ministry in Marginalised Areas Committee

Standing Committee requested the Ministry in Marginalised Areas Committee to conduct a review of the community care program's operation undertaken by Anglican Community Services through Anglicare Foundation Funds and provide a report to Standing Committee for June 2024.

Anglican Media Council Land Sale Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the sale of certain strata property at Parramatta.

Darling Street Land Sale and Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to –

- (a) permit the sale of certain land at 60 Ferris Street, Annandale,
- (b) to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale, and
- (c) to amend the *Darling Street Trust Ordinance 2005*.

Menai Mortgaging Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at Menai.

West Pymble with West Lindfield Variation of Trusts and Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain property is held, to consolidate the property in the ACPT – West Pymble with West Lindfield trust and make consequential amendments to the *West Lindfield Trust Ordinance 2019*.

Earlwood Trust Ordinance 2021

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

Church Hill Leasing Ordinance 2011

Standing Committee noted that, notwithstanding its earlier intention to bring a Bill for an amendment to the *Church Hill Leasing Ordinance 2011* to this meeting of the Standing Committee, the parish of Church Hill has indicated its revised intention to bring the Bill to the February 2022 meeting.

Ashfield, Five Dock and Haberfield Easement Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorise an easement over certain land at Ashfield and to provide for the application of the proceeds.

Elections

Election of Committees etc

Item 4 Professional Standards Committee

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

Mrs Helen Blake

Mr Matthew Bond

Mrs Jacqueline Dawson (Non Anglican church member/experienced lawyer)

Professor R Kim Oates AO

The Rev Bruce Stanley

be appointed.

Camperdown Cemetery Trust

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Assistant Diocesan Secretary.

Future appointments to have a fixed term

Standing Committee agreed in principle that future appointments of trustees of the Camperdown Cemetery Trust be conditional upon their agreement to resign after a fixed term of 3 years, noting they may be reappointed.

Communication to current trustees

Standing Committee requested that the Diocesan Secretary communicate to the current trustees and seek their goodwill to resign by February 2022, or when they have served for three years, whichever is the latter.

Election of trustee

Mrs Marcelle Rodgers was elected.

Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Senior Legal Counsel.

Cessation of appointments to the Port Committee

Standing Committee determined not to make any appointments to a body referred to as the 'Port Committee' of Mission to Seafarers, Sydney.

Rector Workforce Study Outcomes Working Group

Standing Committee received a report from the Assistant Diocesan Secretary and noted a vacancy for one or more members of the Standing Committee.

SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd

Standing Committee recommended to Sydney Diocesan Services that it appoint Dr Jeff Ling to fill the vacancy for a person on the SCEGGS Darlinghurst Limited Board arising from 31 December 2021.

Endowment of the See Corporation

King's School, The Council of The

New College Limited

St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Sydney Anglican Loans Board

Sydney Diocesan Services

Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of

These items were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Sydney Anglican Loans Board – The Rev Daniel McKinlay had resigned effective from 17 November 2021 and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (b) Trinity Grammar School, Council of – Dr Robert Claxton and the Rev Trevor Oakley have resigned effective from 30 November 2021 and 31 December 2021 respectively and vacancies were declared for a lay person and a member of the clergy.

Appreciation for outgoing members

Standing Committee express its appreciation and gratitude for the service of Dr Robert Claxton and the Rev Trevor Oakley to the Council of Trinity Grammar School over 44 years and 27 years respectively.

Sydney Diocesan Services, Glebe Administration Board and other Diocesan Organisations

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Diocesan Endowment – Report on Investment Performance September 2021

Standing Committee received a report.

Future of Anglican Education Commission

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Anglican Church Growth Corporation Progress Report – Quarter 3, 2021

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report,
- (b) noted the progress made in Q3 2021 against the Growth Corporation 2020-2022 Strategic Plan, and
- (c) noted the update on additional actions being taken by the Growth Corporation.

Submission to ACNC re Living Faith

Standing Committee noted that the Council of Living Faith has now been registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Stipend Continuance Insurance

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Renewal of Stipend Continuance Insurance for 2022

Standing Committee agreed to terms regarding the renewal of Stipend Continuance Insurance.

Finalisation of insurance coverage

Standing Committee asked SDS to –

- (a) negotiate the final details of the renewal of the SCI insurance with AMP/Resolution Life Limited and enter an agreement with Marsh/Clearmatch for the premium funding, and
- (b) communicate the changed benefit structure to Assistant Ministers with the recommendation that they consider taking appropriate TPD cover if they don't have it already through their superannuation fund.

Parish property and liability insurance program – actual cost for 2022

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that the ACPT have now advised the actual cost of the parish property and liability insurance program for 2022, and
- (b) asked that the actual variable PCR percentage to be charged to parishes in 2022 be reduced to take account of the reduction in this component of the parochial network costs.

Policy reviews of superannuation and ministry remuneration

Doctrine Commission Report: The Unchanging Heart of Parochial Incumbency

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Doctrine Committee *The Unchanging Heart of Parochial Incumbency* and noted that at its meeting on 11 October 2021, the Standing Committee authorised the Diocesan Secretary to share the report on a confidential basis with the Remuneration Contentment Committee (constituted by the Standing Committee at its meeting on 6 September 2021) for the purposes of its deliberations in this area.

Printing of report for Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) referred a copy of the report to the Stipends and Allowances Committee, and
- (b) approved the printing of a suitable form of this report for the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod.

Anglican Church of Australia Family Violence Prevention, Next Steps Working Conference

Standing Committee noted that –

- (a) at its meeting on 12 July 2021, the Standing Committee authorised up to \$2,500 to be allocated from Synod Fund Contingencies to reimburse travel and accommodation costs for each of Canon Sandy Grant and Archdeacon Kara Hartley to attend the Anglican Church of Australia Family Violence Prevention, Next Steps Working Conference as representatives of the Diocese, and
- (b) owing to travel restrictions in place at the time, Canon Grant and Archdeacon Hartley attended the conference remotely, and as such no funds were required and may be returned to Synod Fund Contingencies.

Synod

Second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Standing Committee report to Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a draft Report of the Standing Committee to the Synod,
- (b) approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod, and
- (c) noted that an interim report, covering the Standing Committee meetings held from 8 November 2021 will be provided to the Standing Committee meeting on 7 February 2022, for promotion as an additional report to the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Synod Funding Arrangements

Standing Committee noted a report regarding Synod Funding Arrangements and authorise the printing of a suitable form of this report for the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod.

Pastoral Consultation (Professional Supervision) Recommendation

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

42/18 Reporting on the National Redress Scheme

Standing Committee received a report from the Director of Professional Standards and authorised the printing of a suitable form of this report for the forthcoming session of the Synod, taking into account any updated information received by the Director of the PSU prior to publication for Synod.

Printing of reports for Synod

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

2/05 Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2022

Other Matters

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

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Commendation of Anglicare

Standing Committee complimented Anglicare for their continued commitment to community services work on behalf of the Diocese.

Parish of Westmead – Compulsory acquisition of St Barnabas, Westmead

Standing Committee received a report.

Date of next meeting

Monday 6 December 2021.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 6 December 2021

Following a reading by the Archbishop of John 1:35-51, the Archbishop opened the meeting in prayer, after which the Standing Committee prayed the prayer for *Mission 2020*.

Secretarial arrangements

Standing Committee noted that, in accordance with its resolution passed 8 November 2021, Mrs Briony Bounds was acting as Secretary to the Standing Committee for this meeting, and had been authorised to speak and move motions (but not vote).

Dean Andrew (Sandy) Grant

Standing Committee noted that Canon Sandy Grant's license as Dean of St Andrew's Cathedral commenced on 6 December 2021, welcomed him as an ex-officio member of the Standing Committee, eagerly anticipated his installation as Dean on Thursday 9 December 2021, and prayed for a long season of fruitful ministry at the Cathedral.

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 since June 2021 and prayed for God's blessing upon him as he continues in ministry.

Archdeacon Kara Hartley led the Standing Committee in prayer for the incoming Dean Sandy Grant and the Acting Dean Christopher Allan.

The Rev Gavin Parsons

Resignation of the Rev Gavin Parsons

Standing Committee received a report from the Assistant Diocesan Secretary.

Motion of thanks for Mr Parsons

Standing Committee, noting that this was the last meeting of the Rev Gavin Parsons, thanked Mr Parsons for his service to the Standing Committee since 2017 and assured Mr Parsons of its prayers for God's blessing upon his continued service for Christ as he completes his ministry at Forestville and commences his position at Wahroonga.

Bishop Chris Edwards led the Standing Committee in prayer for Mr Parsons.

New Chief Executive Officer of Anglicare

Receipt of report

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted an announcement from the Chairman of Anglicare, Mr Greg Hammond OAM, regarding the appointment of Mr Simon Miller as the next CEO of Anglicare, commencing on 7 February 2022, and
- (b) prayed for Mr Grant Millard as he continues to lead Anglicare for the next two months and for Mr Simon Miller as he prepares to assume the role of CEO.

Motion for Synod regarding CEO of Anglicare

Standing Committee requested that a suitable motion expressing the appreciation of the Synod for Mr Grant Millard's service and leadership as CEO of Anglicare, and a suitable motion commissioning Mr Simon Miller as CEO of Anglicare, be included on the business paper for the forthcoming session of the Synod "at the request of the Standing Committee".

Mr Greg Hammond OAM led the Standing Committee in prayer for incoming CEO, Mr Simon Miller, and outgoing CEO, Mr Grant Millard.

Resignation of Diocesan Research Officer

Standing Committee received a report from the Assistant Diocesan Secretary.

Mr Martin Thearle

Standing Committee acknowledged with gratitude the faithful and committed service of Mr Martin Thearle, who concluded at this meeting his in-person service of the Standing Committee after almost 20 years – having attended and served at every meeting for at least the last seven years. Mr Thearle will continue serving the Diocese in his capacity of Manager, Diocesan Finance, but doing so three days per week from January 2022. Standing Committee assured Mr Thearle of its thanks and prayers.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.

Mr Jeremy Freeman led the Standing Committee in prayer for Mr Thearle.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 8 November 2021.

Procedure and Scheduling of business

Standing Committee noted a report from the Assistant Diocesan Secretary and welcomed Pastor Michael Duckett to the meeting for the agenda item regarding Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese.

Acting Registrar and secretarial arrangements

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that Bishop Michael Stead is expected to complete his commitment serving as Acting Registrar on 31 December 2021 and thanked Bishop Stead for his willingness to act in this capacity in addition to his numerous other responsibilities,
- (b) noted that the Archbishop has requested, as an interim measure, Mr Daniel Glynn to serve as Acting Registrar from 1 January 2022,
- (c) noted that while Mr Glynn acts in this capacity, the Assistant Diocesan Secretary, Mrs Briony Bounds will carry out many of the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Standing Committee, and
- (d) authorised Mrs Bounds to move and speak to motions (but not vote) at meetings of the Standing Committee during this time.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

22/18 Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Assistant Diocesan Secretary.

Receipt of report from Diocesan Resources Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Resources Committee and associated advice from the Glebe Administration Board.

Printing of report for Synod

Standing Committee approved the printing of a suitable form of the report, prepared in response to resolution 22/18 Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese, for the forthcoming session of Synod.

Motion for Synod

Standing Committee requested that a suitable form of the following motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod 'by request of the Standing Committee' –

“Synod, noting the report, Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese and associated documents from the Synod Task Force for Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese of Sydney –

- (a) acknowledges and apologises for past failures in relationships with this nation's First Peoples,
- (b) supports and encourages every person, parish and Diocesan organisation to seek reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and commit to partner in Indigenous Ministry through development of an Action Plan which:
 - (i) is informed by the following diocesan documents:
 1. *A Theological Framework for Reconciliation, with Special Reference to The Indigenous Peoples of Australia* (Doctrine Commission Report, Diocese of Sydney, 2020)
 2. *Ministry to, and Reconciliation with, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Diocese of Sydney* (Social Issues Committee Report, Diocese of Sydney)
 - (ii) notes the challenges provided in Dr Peter Adam's paper:
 3. *Australia – whose land? A call for recompense.* (The Rev Dr Peter Adam John Saunders Lecture 2009)
 - (iii) encourages the development of personal relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with a view to *walk alongside* them, as well as partnering in prayer and partnering financially and in other practical ways with one or more Indigenous ministries,
- (c) notes and endorses the model for Indigenous ministry as envisaged by Pastor Michael Duckett and now established by the Sydney Anglican Indigenous People's Ministry Committee in the Macarthur Region at 19 Lysaght Rd Wedderburn, NSW,
- (d) noting the importance of increasing the ongoing capital support for Indigenous ministry in the Diocese in order to purchase further suitable properties in the future, requests the Standing Committee to report back to Synod in September 2022 with proposals regarding the establishment of further property infrastructure for Indigenous ministry, and
- (e) requests that a review of the action outcomes from this report be brought to the Synod in 2024.”

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

Archbishop's Property Forum | Diocesan Property Directions Committee

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report of the Diocesan Property Directions Committee.

Recommendations from the Diocesan Property Directions Committee

Standing Committee, on the recommendation of the Diocesan Property Directions Committee, and noting that in November 2021 the Standing Committee approved a motion to be moved at Synod to approve a minimum 10-year commitment to requiring parishes to contribute the 2% Land Acquisition Levy (the Levy), requested that an ordinance be brought to the February 2022 Synod “at the request of Standing Committee” to implement the Levy, including –

- (a) committing parishes to contributing to the Levy at no less than the current rate (2%) for a period of 10 years,
- (b) clarifying that the use of the Levy – which is presently expressed as “applied towards church land acquisition projects” – also covers the use of Levy funds to repay a loan, and
- (c) clarifying the borrowing powers of the Growth Corporation to ensure that a property that is not part of the Mission Property Fund can be used as security for the borrowings to purchase a greenfields site.

Proposed Standing Committee Policy on the Urban Renewal Support Contribution

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

New policy for the Urban Renewal Support Contribution

Standing Committee approved a new Policy 3.4 for the Urban Renewal Support Contribution and requested the Diocesan Secretary to update the Policies and Regulations of the Standing Committee accordingly.

Update on Review of Diocesan Investment Strategy

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Centralised investment vehicle

Standing Committee agreed in principle –

- (a) to establish a centralised investment vehicle, initially with responsibility for the assets of the Diocesan Endowment, Diocesan Cash Investment Fund and the Long Term Pooling Fund,
- (b) that the vehicle should have robust accountability and reporting to Synod for its governance, performance and risk management,
- (c) that the members of the trustee board have substantial and appropriate investment governance expertise, along with other skills and qualifications in line with the Synod's Governance Policy.

Glebe Administration Board as trustee of proposed investment vehicle

Standing Committee agreed in principle that the Glebe Administration Board, subject to a review of its membership criteria to ensure suitability of qualifications, is the most appropriate organisation to act as trustee of the proposed investment vehicle.

Printing of report for Synod

Standing Committee, noting the ACPT's position that if any change in the present trusteeship of the LTPF is to occur then the matter must be referred to the Synod –

- (a) approved the printing for the Synod of a suitable form of the report, "Review of Diocesan Investment Strategy", dated 2 July 2021, incorporating the report, "Update on Review of Diocesan Investment Strategy", dated 28 November 2021, and
- (b) requested that a suitable form of the report be referred to the forthcoming session of the Synod, with a scheduled time for debate of the matter, and the following motion moved "by the request of the Standing Committee" –

"Synod, noting the report 'Review of Diocesan Investment Strategy', requests the Standing Committee to establish the Glebe Administration Board as the centralised investment vehicle for the Diocese, including responsibility for the assets of the Diocesan Endowment, the Diocesan Cash Investment Fund and the Long Term Pooling Fund."

Parish of Jervis Bay with St Georges Basin and the Anglican Schools Corporation

Standing Committee received a letter from the Anglican Schools Corporation in response to the Standing Committee's request regarding the Parish of Jervis Bay with St Georges Basin.

General Synod membership

Standing Committee received a report and confirmed its willingness to make further appointments to diocesan representatives on the General Synod as a matter of urgency.

Ordinances

Ordinances passed at the last meeting

Standing Committee received from the Diocesan Secretary, a summary of the status of ordinances passed at the Standing Committee meeting held on 8 November 2021 –

Ordinance	Status
Diocesan Organisation (Certain retirements related to the second ordinary session of the 52 nd Synod) Ordinance 2021	Assented
The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid Ordinance 2011 Further Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented
Anglican Media Council Land Sale Ordinance 2021	Assented
Darling Street Land Sale and Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented
Menai Mortgaging Ordinance 2021	Assented
West Pymble with West Lindfield Variation of Trusts and Amendment Ordinance 2021	Assented, following expiry of objection period
Earlwood Trust Ordinance 2021	Assented
Ashfield, Five Dock and Haberfield Easement Ordinance 2021	Assented

Anglican Church Growth Corporation and Mission Property Amendment Ordinance 2021

Purpose of ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Anglican Church Growth Corporation Ordinance 2018* and the *Mission Property Ordinance 2002*.

Trustee of the Mission Property Fund

With effect from the date of commencement of the *Anglican Church Growth Corporation and Mission Property Amendment Ordinance 2021* and by section 14 of the *Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917 (NSW)*, the Standing Committee declared the existence of a vacancy in the office of trustee of the Mission Property Fund (ABN 61 499 034 457) by reason of the functions of the Mission Property Committee having been integrated into the Anglican Church Growth Corporation and elected the Anglican Church Growth Corporation as trustee of the Mission Property Fund in place of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney.

Amendments to the constitution of the NCNC Fund Limited

The Standing Committee requested the Archbishop, in consultation with the board of NCNC, to take the necessary steps to amend the constitution of the NCNC Fund Limited to facilitate the members of the ACGC becoming its ex officio directors.

St Andrew's House Trust Ordinance 2015 (Social Covenants) Amendment Ordinance 2021

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the St Andrew's House Corporation appended to the Report of the Ordinance Reviewer, titled "Review of social covenants for inclusion in leases of church property", and noted the recommendation from St Andrew's House Corporation that the Standing Committee pass the bill for St Andrew's House Trust Ordinance 2015 (Social Covenants) Amendment Ordinance 2021 as an ordinance.

Purpose of ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the St Andrew's House Trust Ordinance 2015.

Cost Recoveries Framework Ordinance 2008 Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Cost Recoveries Framework Ordinance 2008*.

The Illawarra Grammar School Ordinance 1958 Amendment Ordinance 2021

Standing Committee deferred consideration of this ordinance to the next meeting.

Picton (ACPT Client Fund 0411) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts of certain funds arising from the Estate of the Late Doris Alice Jean Cracknell.

Willoughby Land Sale Ordinance 2020 Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Willoughby Land Sale Ordinance 2020*.

Liverpool Trust Ordinance 2016 Amendment Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Liverpool Trust Ordinance 2016*.

Seven Hills Trust Ordinance 2021

Purpose of ordinance

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

Amendment to standard parish trust ordinance

Standing Committee noted a report from Dean Sandy Grant and approved an amendment to the standard form of parish trust ordinance to include a new clause 6(2)(c) as below –

“to the extent such personal property arises from a payment made to the ACPT by the Wardens of a church in the Parish for the purpose of the ACPT investing the amount, for such purposes as a majority of the parish council may from time to time determine,”.’

Northmead and Winston Hills Trust Ordinance 2021

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

Northmead and Winston Hills Mortgaging Ordinance 2021

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at Northmead.

Elections

Membership of the Standing Committee: Ministers elected by the Regional Electors

Standing Committee received a report from the Assistant Diocesan Secretary.

Election of Committees etc

Standing Committee noted a draft document which sets out the elections to take place at the February 2022 meeting, and requested members who wish to make nominations to give notice to the Diocesan Secretary prior to 28 January 2022.

Camperdown Cemetery Trust

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Assistant Diocesan Secretary and noted three vacancies on the Camperdown Cemetery Trust.

Filling of vacancies

Bishop Chris Edwards gave notice of his intention to nominate Mrs Jenna Weston.

The remaining vacancies were deferred.

Trinity Grammar School, Council of

Mrs Simone Hargreaves and the Rev Michael (Mike) Doyle were elected.

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The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of – The Rev Michael G Turner had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of clergy.
- (b) Work Outside the Diocese Committee – The Rev Gavin Parsons ceased to hold a qualification necessary to hold this position effective from 5 February 2022 and a vacancy was declared for a person who is a member of the Standing Committee.

Sydney Diocesan Services, Glebe Administration Board and other Diocesan Organisations

Sydney Diocesan Services Minutes

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

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Services.

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

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Service Level Standards with SDS

Standing Committee confirmed that SDS had satisfactorily provided services under the current Service Level Standards document for the period between November 2020 and September 2021 –

- (a) to the Synod and the Standing Committee,
- (b) regarding the Diocesan HR Partner, and
- (c) for the Diocesan Research Officer,

and agreed to the revised form of Service Level Standards documents for services provided by SDS during 2022.

Proposal for a Safe Ministry and Ministry Standards Board

Standing Committee noted a report from the Professional Standards Unit Oversight Committee.

Future of Anglican Education Commission

Standing Committee constituted a committee to consider suitable action in response to the Anglican Education Commission's recommendations in its most recent report, and any associated issues, and asked the committee to bring a report to the February 2022 meeting of the Standing Committee.

Adoption of a diocesan 'gateway' website and unified branding

Receipt of report

Standing Committee noted a report.

Endorsement of initiatives

Standing Committee endorsed the direction of the initiatives outlined in the report and requested that a further report on the implementation of these initiatives be brought to a future meeting following the completion of consultation with parishes and other stakeholders.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Stipend Continuance Insurance

Standing Committee noted a report from the Finance Committee.

Synod

Second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Review of the Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017

Printing for Synod

Standing Committee approved of the printing for the Synod of a suitable form of an Explanatory Report.

Bill for the Ministry Standards Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 2022

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved the printing of a suitable form of Bill for the Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2022,
- (b) requested that the Bill be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (c) recommended that the Synod pass the Bill as an ordinance of the Synod.

Bill for the Reportable Allegations and Convictions Ordinance 2022

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved the printing of a suitable form of Bill for the Reportable Allegations and Convictions Ordinance 2022,
- (b) requested that the Bill be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (c) recommended that the Synod pass the Bill as an ordinance of the Synod.

9/21 Problem Gambling: harm minimisation methods

Standing Committee received a report from the Social Issues Committee and requested the Diocesan Secretary to convey a suitable form of the letter to the Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Digital, Minister for Customer Service, on behalf of the Standing Committee.

Pastoral Consultation (Professional Supervision) Recommendation

Standing Committee received a report from the Assistant Diocesan Secretary.

Declaration of Synod members' prior history of a disqualifying offence in relation to child protection

Receipt of correspondence

Standing Committee received a letter from the Chair, Safe Ministry Board.

Promotion of ordinance to Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved the printing for the Synod of a suitable form of Bill for the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2022 and Explanatory Report,
- (b) requested that the Bill be promoted to the forthcoming session of the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (c) recommended that the Synod pass the Bill as an ordinance of the Synod.

Synod in the Greenfields

Standing Committee, noting that the Synod Service and Presidential Address for the second ordinary session of the 52nd Synod are planned to take place on Saturday 26 February 2022 at Oran Park –

- (a) noted that walking tours of Oran Park Anglican church and surrounds, and bus tours to our facilities at Leppington and the surrounding area, along with provision of simple lunch and refreshments, will be arranged for members of the Synod (who have registered at a cost of \$10ea) prior to the Synod Service and following the Presidential Address,
- (b) authorised up to \$5,000 from Synod fund Contingencies towards the costs associated with these pre-Synod Greenfield activities, and
- (c) endorsed these activities as activities of the Synod for the purposes of the involvement and utilisation of SDS staff.

Other Matters

The Standing Committee on Law and Justice Inquiry into the Provisions of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

Standing Committee noted a submission to the Standing Committee on Law and Justice Inquiry into the Provisions of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021.

Prioritisation of Standing Committee's outstanding matters

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to the recommended priority classification made in the report.

Mandatory Director Identification Number regime

Standing Committee noted a letter of advice prepared by SDS Legal and requested the Senior Legal Counsel to arrange for the letter to be sent to the Chair of each diocesan school and organisation to which the *Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations* applies.

Archbishop's address to 2021 EdComm Governor's Symposium

Standing Committee noted that the Archbishop addressed the Governor's Symposium hosted by Anglican EdComm on 10 November 2021 on the subject 'Why Anglican Schooling?', and received a copy of the address.

Parish of Westmead – Compulsory acquisition of St Barnabas, Westmead

Standing Committee noted a report from the Assistant Diocesan Secretary.

Prayer Roster for 2022

Standing Committee noted a prayer roster for 2022 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 7 February 2022.