

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

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## Further information: First Ordinary and Special Sessions of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Synod

### 2<sup>nd</sup> circular to Synod Members

#### Key Points

- Documents for the Synod session are available with this circular online on the [Synod this year](#) page of SDS's website ([www.sds.asn.au](http://www.sds.asn.au)).
- A printable form of name tag (that members must wear while at Synod) will be sent as a separate email attachment prior to 24 April 2021.
- The opening service for these sessions will be held in the Cathedral at **1.00 pm Monday 3 May 2021**. There is a limit of 500 people that can attend due to COVID-19 restrictions. You will need to register your attendance on the day using the ServiceNSW app.
- Current COVID requirements allow greater freedoms than anticipated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Circular to Synod members. The measures planned for the forthcoming sessions, to mitigate risk of the spread of COVID-19 include –
  - Anyone displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, or having recently travelled to any hotspot, or who for any reason is required to self-isolate, should not attend Synod. Any person who has undergone a COVID-19 test must (under the current Public Health Order regulations) self-isolate until they receive a result clearing them.
  - There will not be singing during the sessions.
  - Face masks are encouraged, but not required.
  - All staff will wear face masks when coming into contact with large groups of Synod members.
  - Any papers handed out will be handled exclusively by staff wearing gloves and a face mask (as opposed to 'passed along the line' by Synod members).
- Business Papers for the Monday and Tuesday are available online, for printing by members. A limited number of business papers will be available for members at the Theatre. Business Papers for the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be available for members at the Theatre (and will also be available earlier in the day [online](#)).
- Parking is available at the International Convention Centre at a flat daily rate of \$15.

The material in this circular supplements the material in the [1<sup>st</sup> circular of 16 March 2021](#).

## 1. Preparation for the Synod sessions

### Synod communications

- 1.1 This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circular to Synod members. It is accompanied by links to the following documents on the [Synod this year](#) page of the Sydney Diocesan Services (SDS) website ([www.sds.asn.au](http://www.sds.asn.au)) –
- [The 1<sup>st</sup> Circular to Synod members](#)
  - [Synod Book 1](#) (including the Standing Committee's report to Synod and other reports)
  - [Synod Book 2](#)
  - [List of Nominations \(with Nominators\) for the Office of the Archbishop of Sydney](#)

### Opening Service in St Andrew's Cathedral

- 1.2 The Synod Opening Church Service starts at 1.00 pm in St Andrew's Cathedral. There is a limit of 500 people that can attend due to COVID-19 restrictions. Once that limit is reached the Cathedral will not allow anyone else entry.
- 1.3 The Western Door (facing St Andrew's House) and the Northern Door (facing the side of Town Hall) will be the only doors open for accessing the Cathedral on the day. If you require a ramp to access the Cathedral please use the Northern Door.
- 1.4 You will need to register your attendance on the day. The Cathedral use a ServiceNSW QR code that you will need to scan upon entry to the Cathedral. Following is a link that explains how to use the app and where to go to download it on your phone if you have not already done so:
- <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/check-covid-safe-business-service-nsw-app>
- 1.5 If your phone is not capable of using the app, arrangements have been made for a staff member to record your details for you.
- 1.6 To try and keep people moving into the Cathedral and not create 'traffic jams' it would be greatly appreciated if you download the app before arriving and scan the QR code on arrival.

### Name Tags/Entry to Theatre

- 1.7 A printable form of name tag will be emailed to Synod members, prior to 24 April 2021. You will be asked to print (in black and white) the sheet on which your name tag appears, cut your tag out of the sheet and bring it to the session. Plastic name tag holders will be available at the Darling Harbour Theatre, International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour. Your name tag must be worn or displayed to gain entry into the section of the Theatre for Synod members.
- 1.8 If you have no capacity to print your name tag (in black and white), please contact Nerida Paul at [nkp@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:nkp@sydney.anglican.asn.au) **by Thursday 29 April 2021** so that suitable alternative arrangements can be made.
- 1.9 If you lose your name tag or forget to bring it, please see one of the staff members at the door and ask for a temporary replacement.

## 2. Arrangements for the consideration of business during the sessions

### President of the Synod sessions

- 2.1 The Administrator, Bishop Peter Hayward, will be the President of the ordinary session of the Synod. Under clause 4 of the *Administrator Ordinance 2002*, if the Administrator is a nominee in a special session of Synod to elect an Archbishop, the next most senior assistant bishop of the Diocese able and willing to preside would be the President. Accordingly, Bishop Peter Lin will be the President of the special session of the Synod.

### Synod procedures, constituting Acts and principal ordinances

- 2.2 Useful information about the Synod can be accessed on SDS's website at [www.sds.asn.au/synod](http://www.sds.asn.au/synod). This includes, for example, the rules by which members may table reports and circulate printed material.
- 2.3 The Acts of Parliament by which the Anglican Church is constituted in New South Wales and the latest version of the principal ordinances of the Synod can be accessed on SDS's website under [Acts, Ordinances & Regulations](#).

## Participating in the business of the Synod

- 2.4 Business Papers for the Monday ([1<sup>st</sup> day of the ordinary session](#)) and Tuesday ([1<sup>st</sup> day of the special session](#)) are available online, for printing by members. A limited number of business papers will be available for members at the Theatre. Business Papers for the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be available for members at the Theatre (and will also be available earlier in the day [online](#)).
- 2.5 *A Brief Guide to Synod Rules* is a document summarising key procedures and rules of the Synod, and is intended to help Synod members understand how to participate during a session. The Brief Guide may be printed as a booklet for quick reference throughout Synod ([Booklet format](#) / [A4 format](#)).
- 2.6 By resolution 19/07, the Synod requested that the “Synod Survival Guide, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition” prepared by Dr Robert Tong AM be provided to newly elected members. Dr Tong’s booklet is available from the Diocesan Secretary on request or can be downloaded from <http://acl.asn.au/guide/>.

## Distribution of material

- 2.7 Printed material must not be placed on seats or tables or handed out by Synod members in the Synod venue or inside the entrance to the Synod venue.

## Motions and amendments

- 2.8 Notices of motions from members received during the notice period are included in the Business Paper for 3 May 2021.
- 2.9 Forms to give notice of motions, amendments and questions are available from the Secretary Table during the session, or may be downloaded from the [SDS website](#).

## Speeches on Nominees (Election Synod)

- 2.10 There will be 3 points during the Election Synod at which the nominees may be debated: Select List, Final List and Final Debate before Preferential Ballot.
- 2.11 Clause 26 of the Election Ordinance sets the following limits on speeches, subject to extension by the Synod –

	<i>Select List</i>	<i>Final List</i>	<i>Final Debate</i>
Proposer	15 minutes	10 minutes	5 minutes
Others	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes

Where a motion is moved and any other member (except the seconder) speaks in respect of the motion, the proposer has a right of reply after all other speeches have been made in respect of the motion.

## Photographs and Press Releases

- 2.12 The President, under Standing Order 6.6 and through the Chief Executive Officer of Anglican Media, will arrange for photographs to be taken at appropriate times during the Synod session. No other photographs are permitted.
- 2.13 The Chief Executive Officer of Anglican Media, with the approval of the President, will arrange for press releases to be made at appropriate times, including –
- a list of the nominees with 1 or 2 lines of explanation about each, the amount of the explanation to be the same for each nominee, and
  - at the Select List and Final List stages, a list of the remaining nominees, and
  - after the Synod agrees to invite a person to become Archbishop of Sydney.

## 3. Logistical arrangements for both sessions

### COVID-19 restrictions and Health requirements

- 3.1 Anyone displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, or having recently travelled to any hotspot, or who for any reason is required to self-isolate, should not attend Synod. Any person who has undergone a COVID-19 test must (under the current Public Health Order regulations) self-isolate until they receive a result clearing them. [Please check the NSW health website](#) for current public health advice.

- 3.2 The Synod is a large gathering, meeting while the COVID-19 pandemic is still very much a concern shaping the freedoms of everyone in our community. We will only meet if able to do so lawfully, in accordance with the relevant Public Health Orders.
- 3.3 The 1<sup>st</sup> Circular listed a number of anticipated restrictions which, thankfully, are now not expected to be required. Specifically –
- (a) members (and those using the public gallery) will not be required to pre-register or access the theatre using specific doors or processes, nor will members be required to sit in certain clusters of seats, and
  - (b) we are able to distribute papers as needed in the foyer of the Theatre.
- These requirements may change.
- 3.4 However, there are a number of measures we will take to mitigate risk of the spread of COVID-19, while balancing the need for efficient business, as follows –
- (a) All members and visitors will be required to check in at the Theatre using the Service NSW App (scanning the QR code). Staff will be able to provide assistance to those who need it. (See also paragraph 1.4, above.)
  - (b) There will be no singing during the sessions.
  - (a) Face masks are encouraged (but not required). Disposable face masks will be available from the registration table in the foyer of the Theatre.
  - (b) All staff will wear face masks when coming into contact with large groups of Synod members.
  - (c) Any papers handed out will be handled exclusively by staff wearing gloves and a face mask (as opposed to ‘passed along the line’ by Synod members).

#### **Car parking**

- 3.5 The parking arrangements for this year are quite different to usual, owing partly to the change in location and partly to reduced rates available to the public as a result of COVID-related changes to parking patterns in the city.
- 3.6 The ICC provides parking at 14 Darling Drive, Sydney for a flat rate of \$15 for all day/evening parking (max. height is 2.2m). This rate is available to the public and assumes entering after 4:00 am and leaving prior to 4:00am the next day. (Contactless payment by credit card is required for entry and the discount applied on exit.)
- 3.7 Alternatively, you may book a space at the Harbourside Car Park (just next door to the ICC) through Wilson Parking ([www.wilsonparking.com.au/book-a-bay](http://www.wilsonparking.com.au/book-a-bay)) at a rate of \$20.

## **4. Further information regarding the Election Synod**

- 4.1 The rules and processes guiding the election of the Archbishop are set out in clauses 10-40 of the [Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982](#). Appendix 1 of the [1<sup>st</sup> Circular](#) includes a simplified chart of the processes (for illustrative purposes only), and the [business papers](#) for the special session provide guidance on each stage of voting.
- 4.2 The [List of Nominations \(with Nominators\) for the Office of the Archbishop of Sydney](#) are provided on the Synod page of the SDS website.

## **5. Brief Notes about the Nominees**

**EDWARDS, Christopher (Chris)**. b 1961; D 1994 Sydney; P 1994 Sydney; B 2014 Sydney; BTh ACTh Moore 1993; Dip Min Moore 1993; AM Engadine 1994-1996; AM Holy Trinity Adelaide 1996-2007; R St Paul's Tervuren, Brussels, Dio Europe 2007-2012; Dir of Mission, ARV 2012-2014; Asst Bp Northern Region fr 2014; Adn Northern Region fr 2014.

**HAYWARD, Peter Lindsay.** b 1959; D 1992 Sydney; P 1993 Sydney; B 2010 Sydney; BE UNSW 1982; BTh ACTh Moore 1991; DipA Moore 1992; MA(Theol) ACTh Moore 1998; AM Penrith 1992-1996; R Christ the Redeemer, Spokane, Washington USA 1996-2001; R Beverly Hills 2001-2005; R Beverly Hills with Kingsgrove (formerly Beverly Hills) 2006-2010; Asst Bp Wollongong Region fr 2010; Adn Wollongong Region 2011-2020.

**RAFFEL, Kanishka De Silva.** b 1964; D 1996 Sydney; P 1996 Canberra & Goulburn; BA Hons Sydney 1986; LLB Sydney 1989; BD Hons Moore 1996; Dip Min Moore 1996; MA(Theol) Moore 2010; D Wanniasa 1996; Asst P Wanniasa 1996-1999; R Shenton Park 1999-2015; Dean St Andrew's Cathedral fr 2016.

**STEAD, Michael Rennie.** b 1969; D 2001 Sydney; P 2002 Sydney; B 2015 Sydney; BCom (Acc) UNSW 1990; BD Hons 1 Moore 2001; Dip Min Moore 2001; PhD Glos 2007; CAT Killara 1998-1999; CAT Enfield 2000; AM Turramurra 2001-06; SAM Turramurra 2007; R Turramurra 2008-2016; Bishop of South Sydney fr 2016; Archdeacon of South Sydney fr 2016.