

## Proposed Amendments: Monday 3 May 2021

(Supplementary to the Business paper)

Listed below are all Bills and motions that have proposed amendments.

### ●○ B1 Consecration of Archbishop of Sydney Ordinance 2021

Synod will be asked to consider the Consecration of Archbishop of Sydney Ordinance 2021.

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(Dr Robert Tong AM / The Rev Dr Mark Thompson)

#### ***Proposed amendments to the text of the ordinance in committee***

- (1) In subclause 3(3), omit the matter ‘, on the advice of the Standing Committee,’.

#### **Accepted by the mover**

(Page 291, line 20)

(Professor Bernard Stewart AM)

### ○○ M15 The practice and understanding of baptism

This Synod –

- (a) sincerely thanks the Doctrine Commission for its very thoughtful and detailed report, “A Theology of Baptism”,
- (b) recognises that “baptising in the name of Jesus Christ” or “baptising in the name of the Lord Jesus”, rather than “baptising in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” better reflects the practice revealed in the Acts of the Apostles, and
- (c) recognises, though this is not a conclusion of the report, that it is possible, upon a careful exegesis of Matthew 28:19, 20b, that, “baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” could be understood metaphorically to refer to something like, “immersing them in that which pertains to the person of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”.

(Dr Barry Newman / The Rev Nathan Walter)

#### ***Proposed amendments to the text of the motion***

- (1) Omit paragraphs (b) and (c), with consequential reformatting of paragraph (a).

(The Rev Dr Bill Salier / The Rev Scott Newling)

## Update to the Business Paper: Monday 3 May 2021

### Items to be taken immediately following item 9 on the business paper.

9.1 The Rev David Morgan will move the following procedural motion –

'Synod agrees to consider the motion at item M12 in the following amended form (marked to show changes), and suspends so many of the Standing Orders as would prevent its consideration on the calling of motions –

#### ○○ **M12 Ministry to all Australians, regardless of educational qualifications**

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 ~~less than 65%~~ 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#non-school-qualifications>).

In light of paragraph (c), this Synod requests that the Strategy and Research ~~Committee~~ 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?
- (iv) 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?

(The Rev David Morgan / The Rev Mark Tough)

9.2 Canon Sandy Grant will move the following procedural motion –

'Synod agrees to consider the motion at item M16 in the following amended form (marked to show changes), and suspends so many of the Standing Orders as would prevent its consideration on the calling of motions –

#### ○○ **M16 Addressing domestic violence "Before it Starts"**

Synod welcomes the "Before it Starts" program with its goal of preventing domestic abuse and promoting safe and respectful relationships in our churches. Synod thanks Anglicare and Youthworks for their partnership in developing this free, four-week, biblically-engaged, primary prevention program for youth groups. Synod commends it to parishes and encourages ministers and synod representatives to draw it to the attention of their youth leaders so they might consider using it in their youth group programming. Synod also notes the willingness of Anglicare and Youthworks to receive feedback, which could help shape future amendments to the program.

(Canon Sandy Grant / Mrs Stacey Chapman)