Early release of motions for which notice was given on 18 September 2024

as at 8.25pm, 18 September 2024

Please note – the motions below may be subject to minor editorial amendments on the Business Paper.

(i) Dr Karin Sowada gave notice of the following motion -

Synod requests the Standing Committee to bring an ordinance to the next session of the Synod to amend the Synod Standing Orders Ordinance in order to –

- (a) permit members to ask questions on motions presenting Reports to the Synod, and
- (b) permit speeches by Members in support of a motion where there is no speech in opposition.

(ii) The Rev Stephen Gardner gave notice of the following motion -

Synod -

- (a) acknowledges the ministry of previous generations of saints who served the Lord Jesus and witnessed to the parish of Ashbury,
- (b) recognises the grief that came with closing church services in February 2022,
- (c) gives thanks for the new congregation that was planted in March this year, and rejoices with the angels at the lost who have been found,
- (d) commits to praying for the Rev Daniel and Renee Gale as they shepherd the congregation and witness to the local community.

(iii) Mr Chris Hamam gave notice of the following motion -

Synod noting M45 passed at last session of synod 2023, and the reports indicating increasing Preschools/Long Day Care centres within our diocese, gives thanks for the work being done with the restructures and property striving to be on mission.

(iv) Mr Chris Hamam gave notice of the following motion -

Synod, giving thanks for the continuing work in this area, requests a report on the ministry of Preschools and Long Day Care centres on parish sites. The report should detail the numbers and locations of the centres, and –

- (a) Do they have a Christ Centred Constitution?
- (b) Do they have a Christian Director?
- (c) Do they have a Christ Centred Curriculum?
- (d) Operated by the parish or a leasing arrangement or another strategy?

The report should provide case studies into how effective Christian Preschools and Long Day Care centres are in achieving ministry goals, and make recommendations on ways forward for both existing centres and planned new ones.

(v) The Rev Alan Lukabyo gave notice of the following motion -

Synod, noting the amalgamation of the Parish of Croydon with the Parish of Concord and Burwood on 1 July 2024, commends the parishioners of both parishes for embracing this ministry opportunity, and prays that God will bless the new Parish of Croydon, Burwood and Concord, and their plans to plant a new congregation in 2025.