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Circular to the Members of the 47th Synod

Re: 2nd Session of the 47th Synod

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Robert Wicks, the Diocesan Secretary, is pleased to answer any questions about this session of the Synod.

Please bring this with you for use at Synod.

This circular has information that members of Synod need to know. Paragraphs 2.11 (notices of motions for the session), 3.3 (closing time for nominations) and 3.8 (closing time for delivering a precis for a nominee in an election) refer to deadlines to be observed.

1. Archbishop's summons to Synod

Summons to the 2nd Session of the 47th Synod

Under the Article 1(2) of the Schedule to the Anglican Church of Australia Constitutions Act 1902, I invite you to the Synod to be held in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney commencing at 3:15 pm on Monday 16 October 2006.

Information about the opening service will be circulated in the next mail out to Synod members.

DR PETER JENSEN
Archbishop of Sydney

2. Arrangements and likely business

Meeting Places and Dates

- 2.1 The days of meeting are Monday 16, Tuesday 17, Wednesday 18, Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 October 2006 at the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney. The proposed meeting times are as follows –

For the first day -

3.15 pm to 5:30 pm

5:30 pm to 7.00 pm - Meal Break

7.00 pm to 9:30 pm

For the second and subsequent days -

3:15 pm to 5:45 pm

5:45 pm to 7.00 pm - Meal Break

7.00 pm to 9:30 pm

Synod Mailings

- 2.2 There will be 2 mailings for this session –
- (a) This mailing is the 1st mailing.
 - (b) A 2nd mailing will be sent on or about 27 September 2006 and will contain the Standing Committee's Report, the draft legislation, other reports, the Notice of Contested Elections and the Business Paper for 16 October 2006.

Declarations by lay members - certificates of election

- 2.3 Before taking part in debate or voting on any matter at the 47th Synod all lay members are to sign a declaration that they are communicant members of the Anglican Church of Australia and not members of any other church.
- 2.4 For lay representatives of parochial units, notice of your election is to have been given to the Registrar in accordance with clause 17 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 before the declaration is made.
- 2.5 Members may make the declaration at the 2nd floor reception desk at St Andrew's House during office hours, or in the Wesley Theatre during the session. **You do not have to make another declaration if you signed the declaration at the 1st session of the 47th Synod in 2005.**

Synod Procedures, *Acts, Ordinances & Regulations* Book and Diocesan Year Book

- 2.6 The *Acts, Ordinances & Regulations* book has the Acts of Parliament by which the Anglican Church of Australia is constituted in New South Wales and the principal ordinances and regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Diocesan Secretary upon request.

The latest versions of the principal ordinances can be accessed on the Diocesan website at www.sydney.anglican.asn.au under Acts & Ordinances.

A copy of the latest version of the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000, which sets out the Synod's business rules, is enclosed with this circular.

- 2.7 Useful information about the Synod and the Diocese can be accessed on the Diocesan website at www.sydney.anglican.asn.au under Administration then Diocesan Administration.
- 2.8 A copy of the 2006 Diocesan Year Book, which has summaries of the proceedings of the 2005 Synod session and a reprint of the Standing Committee's Report etc, will be posted to parishes for Synod members. You can also read the summaries on the Diocesan website at www.sydney.anglican.asn.au/synod/synod/index.htm.

Year Book on-line

- 2.9 Although the 2006 Diocesan Year Book is currently in the process of being prepared, the Diocesan Registry has a secure website <https://secure.anglican.asn.au/registry/yearbook> which is now accessible by all lay members (clergy already have access). This enables members to view and update their contact information, download the current and previous editions of the Year Book and access up-to-date clergy, lay and parish year book entries. To gain access to the website members should email the Deputy Registrar, Mrs Catherine Rich with their current email addresses (2 can be recorded) and their date of birth. Catherine can be contacted by email at registry@sydney.anglican.asn.au or by telephone on 9265 1526.

Membership of the Synod

- 2.10 A list of members will be tabled in the Synod on 16 October 2006.

Notices of motions for the Session

- 2.11 Notices of motions to be included on the business paper for the first day of the session are to be in writing and be received by the Standing Committee (address letters to the Diocesan Secretary) **by 16 September 2006**. A member of Synod may give up to 2 notices of motions in this manner.
- 2.12 Any member of Synod may give notice of a further motion or motions at the start of business on the first 3 days of the session.

Guidelines for the moving of motions

- 2.13 Part 4 of the business rules (being the rules set out in the Schedule to the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000) contain the general rules of debate in the Synod. The various stages for the consideration of ordinances and rules are described on the Diocesan website at www.sydney.anglican.asn.au under Administration then Diocesan Administration then Synod Procedures. Most business is transacted through motions and amendments.
- 2.14 The subject matter of a motion must relate to the order and good government of the Church within this Diocese, or the declaration of views on matters affecting the Anglican Church of Australia or affecting the spiritual, moral or social welfare of this Church, otherwise it may be out of order.
- 2.15 A notice of a motion should be brief and to the point, it should not contain argument, it should not have a long preamble or be written as a speech, and it should not contain material which is unbecoming or defamatory.
- 2.16 If in doubt about the form of a motion, try and find a precedent from the resolutions of the previous session (see the 2006 Year Book) or ask the Diocesan Secretary or someone else who has experience of the business of Synod. These things need thoughtful preparation, so do not leave it until the last minute.

Reports and Ordinances for the Session

- 2.17 Reports and audited accounts from approximately 60 committees etc will be tabled during the session.
- 2.18 Information about proposed ordinances will be provided in the mailing to be sent on or about 27 September 2006.

3. Notice of elections for this Synod Session

Elections to be conducted

- 3.1 The elections for offices to be conducted during the 2nd session of the 47th Synod in October this year are set out in the Schedule of Elections Required (see part 4 below).
- 3.2 In the Schedule of Elections Required -
- (a) the relevant organisations are listed in alphabetical order, and the names of retiring members are shown with their attendances at meetings in the year to 30 June 2006, and
 - (b) an asterisk (*) besides the name of a retiring member means that there is good reason to believe the member is willing to be nominated, a cross (+) means the retiring member is not willing to be nominated, and the absence of either character means that it is not known whether the member is willing to be nominated.

Invitation to make Nominations

- 3.3 Members are invited to make nominations of persons for each of the elections to be conducted. The closing time for the making of nominations is **5:00 pm on Monday 4 September 2006**.
- 3.4 Under rule 3.2(2) of the Schedule to the Synod Elections Ordinance 2000, a nomination is -
- (a) to be in writing, and
 - (b) to specify the office for which the nomination is being made, and
 - (c) to specify the name, address and occupation of the nominee, and
 - (d) to specify the details of the qualification held by the nominee, where a particular qualification is required for election to the office, and
 - (e) to be signed by 2 members of the Synod, other than the nominee, as nominators, and
 - (f) to contain a certification from at least one of the nominators that the nominee has consented to the nomination (*it is sufficient grounds for one of the nominators to certify that a nominee has consented to the nomination if in the Schedule of Elections Required the willingness of the nominee to be nominated is indicated with an asterisk (*)*), and
 - (g) to contain an address for acknowledgement of the nomination.
- 3.5 A nomination which does not comply with rule 3.2(2) is invalid except that an error in the specified address or occupation of the nominee does not of itself invalidate a nomination.
- 3.6 A nomination form is contained in item 5 although any document which complies with rule 3.2(2) is in order.
- 3.7 Nominations are to be delivered to - "The Secretaries of Synod, PO Box Q190, QVB Post Office, SYDNEY, NSW 1230" and endorsed "Nominations", by the time referred to in paragraph 3.3.

Invitation to submit precis

- 3.8 A precis of a nominee in an election may be delivered to the Secretaries **no later than 5:00 pm on Monday 4 September 2006**.
- 3.9 Under rule 3.3(1) of the Schedule to the Synod Elections Ordinance 2000 a precis of a nominee is-
- (a) to be not more than 35 words in length, and
 - (b) to be signed by the nominee.

3.10 A form of precis is contained in part 6 although any document which complies with rule 3.3(1) is in order.

Time for ballots

3.11 Ballots will take place on the first and second days of the Synod session, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 October, at the Synod meeting place.

4. Schedule of elections required

		Attendances at Meetings Year to 30 June 2006		
		Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
1.	ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL CHAPTER (Cathedral Ordinance 1969)			
	4 lay canons to be elected for 6 years			
	* Mr N M Cameron	11	9	2
	* Mr A E Churches	11	10	1
	* Mr J Davis	11	5	6
	* Mr D Player	10	8	2
	1 lay canon to be elected for 1 year Vacancy (ex Dr A Cole resigned 02/06)	-	-	-
2.	ABBOTSLEIGH, THE COUNCIL OF (Abbotsleigh Ordinance 1924)			
	1 clergyman to be elected for 4 years			
	* The Rev I Millican	11	11	0
	1 laywoman to be elected for 4 years			
	* Mrs E Robinson (ex Mrs S Scott resigned 10/02/03)	11	9	2
	2 laymen to be elected for 4 years			
	* Mr P Bell	11	9	2
	* Professor P Dolan (ex Mr R Lee resigned 18/04/05)	11	9	2
3.	ANGLICAN CHURCH PROPERTY TRUST DIOCESE OF SYDNEY (Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney Ordinance 1965)			
	1 person to be elected for 6 years			
	* Mr G N Evans	11	9	6
	1 person who must be in Holy Orders to be elected for 5 years			
	* The Rev P Colgan (ex Dr L M Stoddart resigned 20/02/06)	2	1	1
4.	SYDNEY ANGLICAN HOME MISSION SOCIETY COUNCIL (ANGLICARE) (Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Ordinance 1981)			
	5 persons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr M J Beard	15	15	0
	* Dr G Clarke (ex Mr D Barnsdall resigned 14/11/05)	3	2	0
	* The Rev W Presbury	15	15	0
	* Ms P Seidler (ex Mr D R Lewarne resigned 2/03/06)	3	2	0
	* Mr D Wallace	15	14	0
5.	ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES DIOCESE OF SYDNEY (Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney Constitution Ordinance 1961)			
	2 persons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr P Driscoll	10	7	3
	* Mrs A Robertson (ex Mrs A Hewetson resigned 31/03/06)	0	0	0
6.	COUNCIL OF ANGLICAN YOUTH AND EDUCATION DIVISION DIOCESE OF SYDNEY (YOUTHWORKS) (Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney Ordinance 1919)			
	1 member of the clergy to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev M P Yeo	9	7	0

		Attendances at Meetings Year to 30 June 2006		
		Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
	1 layperson to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mrs K Collier	9	7	1
	1 member of the clergy to be elected for 1 year			
	* The Rev T Bowden (ex the Rev M P Jensen resigned 29/08/05)	6	6	0
7.	ARDEN ANGLICAN SCHOOL COUNCIL (Arden Anglican School Council Ordinance 1962)			
	4 persons to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev B S George (ex the Rev M Charleston resigned 30/08/04)	9	3	4
	* The Rev P J Harnwell (ex the Rev W France resigned 30/08/04)	9	6	0
	* Mr K W Hayward	9	9	0
	* Mr D P Stanton	9	6	0
8.	BARKER COLLEGE, THE COUNCIL OF (The Barker College Ordinance 1978)			
	1 clergy to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev M Stead (ex Rev G M Broughton resigned 4/04/06)	0	0	0
	1 layperson to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr M Tooker	11	11	0
9.	COUNCIL FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MINISTERS (Continuing Education for Ministers Ordinance 1989)			
	1 clergyman being an incumbent of an ecclesiastical unit to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev B Hall (ex The Rev J R Gray retired 27/02/06)	0	0	0
	1 layperson to be elected for 3 years			
	* Dr G S Maple	10	10	0
10.	DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES ON GENERAL SYNOD (General Synod Representation Ordinance 1986)			
	1 layperson to be elected for 2 years			
	* Acting Judge P Grogan (ex Mr M Orpwood QC deceased 15/12/05)	0	0	0
11.	THE ILLAWARRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL, THE COUNCIL OF (The Illawarra Grammar School Ordinance 1958)			
	1 clergyman to be elected for 4 years			
	* The Rev S Semenchuk (ex The Rev P A Frith resigned 8/03/06)	0	0	0
	1 clergyman to be elected for 1 year			
	Vacancy (ex the Rev A J Glover resigned 2/05/06)	-	-	-
	2 laypersons to be elected for 4 years			
	* Mr K Taylor	12	9	0
	* Mrs H Webb	12	6	6
12.	THE KING'S SCHOOL, THE COUNCIL OF (The Kings School Council Constitution Ordinance 1922)			
	2 clergymen to be elected for 2 years			
	Vacancy (ex Canon A M Blanch resigned 28/02/06)	-	-	-
	* The Rev Canon B Morrison (ex The Rev S M Brooking resigned 14/11/05)	0	0	0

		Attendances at Meetings Year to 30 June 2006		
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13.	MACARTHUR ANGLICAN SCHOOL COUNCIL (Macarthur Anglican School Ordinance 1982)			
	2 persons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr M Bell	9	8	0
	Mrs M Thomas	9	9	0
	1 person to be elected for 2 years			
	Mrs A Michie (ex Mr J M Waterhouse resigned 24/05/06)	0	0	0
14.	MOORE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL (Moore Theological College Ordinance 1984)			
	1 clergyman to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev K Kim (ex The Rev N E Prott resigned 20/04/06)	1	1	0
	2 laypersons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr K M Chapman	7	6	0
	* Dr D Warren (ex Dr K Sowada resigned 14/03/05)	7	5	0
15.	DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES ON PROVINCIAL SYNOD (Provisional Synod Representation Ordinance 1986)			
	1 clergyman to be elected for 2 years			
	* The Rev G Farrell (ex The Rev T J Halls resigned 1/05/05)	0	0	0
16.	ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL WAVERLEY, COUNCIL OF (St Catherine's School Waverley Ordinance 1922)			
	1 clergyman to be elected for 4 years			
	The Rev J P Tonks	8	5	3
	1 clergyman to be elected for 1 year			
	Vacancy (ex The Rev G W Job resigned 5/07/06)	-	-	-
	2 laymen to be elected for 4 years			
	* Mr S Angus	8	7	1
	* Mr A J Payne	8	8	0
	1 woman to be elected for 4 years			
	* Mrs K Stewart	8	6	2
17.	SYDNEY ANGLICAN CAR AND INSURANCE FUND BOARD/ SYDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND FINANCE AND LOANS BOARD (Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund Ordinance 1978)			
	1 member of the clergy to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev C Segart (ex The Rev T J Halls resigned 1/05/06)	0	0	0
	2 laypersons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr P Burgess	9	8	1
	* Mr J Pascoe	9	8	1
18.	SYDNEY ANGLICAN SCHOOLS CORPORATION (Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Ordinance 1947)			
	4 persons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Archdeacon G R Huard	2	1	0
	* Mr W B Nicholson	2	1	1
	* Mr R W Salier	2	2	0
	Ms P Lanser	2	1	0
	1 person to be elected for 2 years			
	* Mr A Thorburn (ex Mrs R Corbett resigned 8/05/06)	0	0	0

		Attendances at Meetings Year to 30 June 2006		
		Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
19.	SYNOD POOL (Parish Disputes Ordinance 1999)			
	12 clergy, at least 9 of whom are incumbents, elected by the clerical members of Synod for 3 years			
	* The Rev R C Barrie	0	0	0
	* The Rev D H Chilton	0	0	0
	+ Canon I W Cox	0	0	0
	The Rev D L Crain	0	0	0
	The Rev B J Dudding	0	0	0
	The Rev N A Flower	0	0	0
	* Canon J R Livingstone	0	0	0
	The Rev M B Robinson	0	0	0
	* The Rev R G Robinson	0	0	0
	* Canon J W South	0	0	0
	* The Rev D W Wallace	0	0	0
	* The Rev G S Matthews	0	0	0
	12 laypersons elected by the lay members of Synod for 3 years			
	* Mrs W Colquhoun	0	0	0
	Mr D Francis	0	0	0
	Mr A Frank	0	0	0
	Ms F Hansen	0	0	0
	Dr K Hawtrey	0	0	0
	* Mr G J Marks	0	0	0
	Mr D S Marr	0	0	0
	Mrs L McCoy	0	0	0
	* Mr M Purvis	0	0	0
	* Dr K Sowada	0	0	0
	* Miss J K Warren	0	0	0
	* Ms A Watson	0	0	0
20.	TARA ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, COUNCIL OF (Tara Anglican Girls' School Ordinance 1956)			
	2 members of the clergy to be elected for 3 years			
	* Bishop I Y Lee	11	11	0
	The Rev I Wood (ex The Rev A J Heron resigned 1/6/06)	0	0	0
	2 laypersons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mrs G Akers	11	10	0
	* Mr C Hoare (ex Mr M Jones resigned 31/12/05)	2	2	0
21.	TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, COUNCIL OF (Trinity Grammar School Constitution Ordinance 1928)			
	2 clergymen to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev D H Courtney	9	8	0
	* The Rev T J W Oakley	9	7	0
	2 laypersons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr J E Mills	9	9	0
	* Mr R M Pegg	9	8	0
22.	WILLIAM BRANWHITE CLARKE COLLEGE COUNCIL (The William Branwhite Clarke College Ordinance 1987)			
	1 clergyman to be elected for 3 years Vacancy (ex the Rev W D Orpwood resigned 04/06)	-	-	-
	1 layperson to be elected for 3 years * Mr B G Jones	11	11	0

5. Nomination form for 2006 Synod Elections Election No.
(From Schedule)

Nominations close at 5pm on Monday 4 September 2006

Note: A failure to complete the details and certification required by this form will render the nomination invalid.

We nominate

Address

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Occupation

Qualification (if required for the election)

For

(Name of Committee, Board, Council, etc.)

First Nominator's

Signature Parish *

Print Name.....

Second Nominator's

Signature Parish *

Print Name.....

Address for acknowledgment

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Date

* If not a parish representative, specify the Part of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 under which the proposer or the seconder is a member of the Synod.

Certificate

I Certify that the said consents to nomination.

First or Second Nominator's Signature.....

Note: It is sufficient grounds for one of the nominators to certify that a nominee has consented to the nomination if in the Schedule of Elections Required the willingness of the nominee to be nominated is indicated with an asterisk ().*

Acknowledgment of Nomination

The Nomination of

Address

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For

(Name of Committee, Board, Council, etc.)

has been received.

Election No.

For and on behalf of the Secretaries of Synod

..... Date.....

6. Precis of nominee in a Synod election

Surname:..... First name(s):.....

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
31.	32.	33.	34.	35.

Signature of Nominee:..... Date:

Note:

1. This form is to be completed and signed by the Nominee and returned to "The Secretaries of the Synod, PO Box Q190, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney 1230", **by 5:00 pm on Monday 4 September 2006.**
2. Please use block letters and print inside the boxes (one word *only* in each box).