

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

2nd Session of the 47th Synod

Business Paper: Wednesday 18 October 2006

(Page references are to the Standing Committee's Report - see Part 5 of the Synod Business Rules for ordinance procedures.)

Members of the Synod are asked to identify themselves each time they speak.

1. Devotions will be led by the Rev Al Stewart: see attached.

2. Minutes of 17 October 2006.

3. Answers to questions

3.1 The Rev David Clarke to ask –

Could the \$833,000 spent on the New Capital Project please be itemised?

3.2 The Rev Craig Roberts to ask –

Could you confirm that if a member of clergy is injured in the course of discharging his ministry, any resultant out-of-pocket medical expenses will be covered by the diocese to a maximum of \$1,000. If this is so, could you explain why non-ordained church employees are fully covered under the State Workcover legislation but our clergy are not guaranteed this same level of assurance.

3.3 The Rev Canon Dr James McPherson to ask –

The record of the 1999 Synod published in the Diocesan 2000 Year Book is not specific about the Synod's response to the Doctrine Commission Report on the Trinity. Could the Archbishop please advise this Synod as to whether the report was noted, received, or adopted, and therefore clarify the report's status?

3.4 Mr Garry Allen to ask –

(a) In each Sydney Diocesan School –

- (i) What percentage of the student body is involved in voluntary Christian activities such as Crusaders?
- (ii) What percentage of the student body regularly attend a protestant church outside school?
- (iii) Of the families represented at the school, what percentage attend a protestant church regularly?

(b) For each Sydney Diocesan School –

- (i) What types of scholarship do they offer (for example, sport, music, academic)?
- (ii) How many of these do they offer?
- (iii) What other forms of fee relief do they offer?

(c) Which Sydney Diocesan Schools currently programme sporting or other non-church activities on Sunday?

(d) Which schools currently support students with cerebral palsy, downs syndrome or other physical or mental disabilities?

- (e) How is fee affordability determined? Which schools currently charge fees exceeding this level?
- (f) Which Sydney Diocesan Schools had an operating surplus last year that exceeded the government grant that they received?

4. Petitions

5. Notices of questions

6. Procedural motions from members

7. The President will invite members to give notice of other motions

8. Calling of motions on the business paper

9. Motions

To be taken today from 3:30 pm

9.1 Strathfield (St Andrew's): Reclassification as a Parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Strathfield (St Andrew's) as a parish with effect from 1 January 2007.

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(The Rev Kevin Kim/Archdeacon Deryck Howell)

9.2 Wilberforce: Reclassification as a Parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Wilberforce as a parish with effect from 1 January 2007.

(Supplementary Report page 49)

(The Rev Geoff Bates/Archdeacon Ken Allen)

To be taken today from 4:30 pm

9.3 Synod Membership (Indigenous Representation) Amendment Ordinance 2006

That the Synod Membership (Indigenous Representation) Amendment Ordinance 2006 pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

(Supplementary Report page 6)

(Dr Philip Selden/Archdeacon Geoff Huard)

9.4 Discipline Ordinance 2006

That the Discipline Ordinance 2006 pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

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(Mr Philip Gerber/Mr Robert Tong)

9.5 Nomination Ordinance 2006

Synod permits the introduction of the Nomination Ordinance 2006.

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(Bishop Robert Forsyth/Mr Robert Wicks)

9.6 Nomination (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance 2006

Synod permits the introduction of the Nomination (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance 2006.

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(Mr Robert Wicks/Bishop Robert Frsyth)

To be taken today from 7:00 pm

9.7 Training and recruiting teachers for Church schools

Synod –

- (a) endorses the recent initiatives being taken by the Anglican Education Commission in teacher education and recruitment, and
- (b) endorses the re-constitution of the Anglican Education Commission as a separate body under its own ordinance to pursue these initiatives as part of a broader responsibility for advocacy, teacher recruitment and teacher education, and
- (c) requests the Standing Committee to pass such ordinances and take such further action as it considers necessary or desirable to implement and facilitate the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).

(Supplementary Report page 45)

(Dr Bryan Cowling/Mr Al Stewart)

9.8 Diocesan Policy on Education

Synod –

- (a) supports the continued development of a broad based diocesan policy on education, and
- (b) requests that the Standing Committee bring to the 2007 session of Synod for its consideration a revised policy statement taking into account any written comments and suggestions made by Synod members, and
- (c) requests that Synod members provide any comments to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2007.

(Supplementary Report page 21)

(Dr Grant Maple/Dr Bryan Cowling)

To be taken on Monday 23 October 2006 from 4:30 pm

9.9 Regions (Amendment) Ordinance 2006

Synod permits the introduction of the Regions (Amendment) Ordinance 2006.

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(Mr Robert Tong/Bishop Glenn Davies)

9.10 Admission to Holy Communion (Adult Baptisands) Ordinance 2006

Synod permits the introduction of the Admission to Holy Communion (Adult Baptisands) Ordinance 2006.

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(Bishop Glenn Davies/Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

To be taken on Monday 23 October 2006 at 8:00 pm

9.11 Anglican Communion

Synod commends the Primates of the Global South for their forthright stand in upholding biblical truth and expresses its support and encouragement for all within the Anglican Communion who are seeking to uphold biblical principles and prays for the Archbishop of Canterbury in his difficult role.

(Mr Robert Tong/Bishop Peter Tasker)

To be taken on Tuesday 24 October 2006 at 4.30pm

9.12 General Synod – Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2006

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2006.

(Additional Materials page 2) (The Rev Chris Albany/Ms Caroline Bowyer)

Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration

9.13 Funding chaplaincies

Synod, noting that money to support chaplaincies is not allocated in the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2005 –

- (a) affirms that Anglicare chaplaincies are integral to Policy 2 of the Diocesan Mission, specifically in their ability “to take further initiatives to create fellowships by penetrating structures of society beyond the reach of the parish church with the gospel”, and
- (b) welcomes the commitment of Anglicare to spend 1.2 million dollars per annum to maintain its chaplaincy work and encourages Anglicare to seek additional alternative sources of funding for chaplaincies, and
- (c) requests the Standing Committee to –
 - (i) explore strategies which strengthen the contribution that chaplaincies make to the Diocesan Mission, and
 - (ii) report back to the next ordinary session of this Synod, and
 - (iii) in preparation for the 2007 session of Synod, when the principles of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance are determined for the following triennium ensure as a priority that Anglicare chaplains receive the necessary funding from the Diocesan budget to increase the chaplaincy team by the equivalent of three full-time positions.

(The Rev Stephen Bligh/Mrs Liz McCoy)

9.14 Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005

Synod requests that clause 4(1) of the Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005 be amended by deleting the words “or the Standing Committee”.

(Mrs Susan Hooke/The Rev Canon Dr James McPherson)

(Copy of Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005 attached)

9.15 The drought

Synod, in recognition of God's sovereignty and power over all things, and in support of our Diocesan mission and goal, ~~sets about to bring the Sydney drought to God in prayer that, in His time and will, our dams might be filled~~ publicly calls the people of Sydney and the Illawarra to bring the drought to God in urgent and persevering prayer that, in His time and will, rains might fall across the State and nation to break the drought and to fill our dams.

(Mr Andrew McLachlan/Mrs Denise Lynne)

9.16 Use of the word “Presbyter”

Synod –

- (a) notes the publication by Anglican Media Sydney in August 2005 of the brochure “Full-Time Paid Ministry in the Diocese of Sydney” and commends

the authors for their helpful discussion of ministry and ordination in this Diocese, and

- (b) commends the authors for their use throughout the brochure of the term “Presbyter” for the second order of ministry, and
- (c) encourages the use of this brochure in recruiting suitable persons into the ministry of the word in this Diocese, and
- (d) thanks the Standing Committee for passing the “Presbyter (Amendment of Terminology) Ordinance 2006” in order to clarify the legalities associated with using the term “Presbyter” in place of the term “Priest” for the second order of ministry, and
- (e) encourages the use of the term “Presbyter” as a more appropriate technical term for the second order of ministry.

(The Rev Richard Blight)

9.17 2006 Presidential Address

Synod recommends that clergy, or where appropriate, lay persons, bring to the attention of parish councils, congregations under their care and Sydney diocesan organisations the 2006 Presidential Address for consideration and discussion.

(Dr Barry Newman)

9.18 “Behind Closed Doors” Video

Synod –

- (a) notes that TAMAR in conjunction with Anglicare has produced an information video “Behind Closed Doors” for use by parishes which helpfully canvasses issues in relation to child abuse;
- (b) encourages all Synod members to view the video and take a copy back to their parishes for viewing in the parish to maximise understanding of the effect of abuse on children and what is involved in protecting them; and
- (c) approves the distribution of the video “Behind Closed Doors” to Synod members at the entrance of the Synod chamber.

(Mrs Patricia Mayne/Mr Bill Scott)

9.19 Women deacons and diocesan lay workers

Synod notes the small numbers of women ordained as deacon and commissioned as diocesan lay workers in this Diocese in the period 1996-2006. Synod looks to God to raise up women to serve Him in this Diocese as deacons and diocesan lay workers. Synod calls on women currently training at Moore Theological College, and those preparing to enter Moore Theological College to prayerfully consider applying to the Diocese to be considered as Diocesan candidates for the Diaconate or diocesan lay workers.

(The Rev Denise Nicholls/The Rev Richard Mills)

9.20 Liturgies and practices in Institution and Induction church services

Following the Archbishop’s inspirational Synod Address where he encouraged ministers to be inwardly and outwardly focussed missional leadership rather than only inwardly focussed congregational leaders, and where the Archbishop reminded the Synod of his intention to initiate changes to the structure of ministry in order to support and encourage that outward focus, Synod respectfully requests the Archbishop to initiate the revision of currently used liturgies and practices in Institution and Induction church services so that these liturgies given greater emphasis to the outward focus, than is currently the case.

(The Rev Zac Veron/Canon Jim Ramsay)

9.21 Leadership and management of change

In light of the Archbishop’s Presidential Address, Synod requests Moore College, in consultation with the Department of Ministry Training and Development, to develop a course for 4th year Ordination students dealing with leadership and management of change.

(The Rev Stephen Semenchuk/The Rev Garry Haddon)

9.22 Evangelism among men

In view of the assertion made by the Archbishop in his Presidential Address concerning the absence of men from our churches and because of our commitment to the Diocesan Mission, Synod urges all of the senior ministers and incumbents in the churches of our Diocese to make evangelism amongst men a priority and commit themselves to –

- (i) teaching that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling (1 Timothy 2:8),
- (ii) increasing evangelism amongst men in their parishes,
- (iii) ensuring that lay men in their churches are mentored in this task,
- (iv) reporting annually to their congregations on this matter.

(Canon Jim Ramsay/The Rev Wayne Tildsley)

9.23 The Rev Tom Halls

Synod gives thanks to Almighty God for the example and ministry of the Reverend Tom Halls over 35 years, during his curacies at Carlingford and Peakhurst with Lugarno, his incumbency at McCallums Hill, and in particular his ministry as Rector of Cooks River for the last 25 years. Synod also thanks God for Tom’s contributions to the life of the Diocese as a member of the Council of Anglicare, and chairman of the Church of England Finance and Loans Board, and recognizes the deep appreciation of many for his teaching, training and evangelistic ministry in India, United Kingdom, United States, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

In giving thanks to God, Synod also expresses its deep gratitude to Tom and Clare, and prays for many years of effective and fruitful ministry in retirement.

(Archdeacon Deryck Howell/Bishop Rob Forsyth)

9.24 Parish development reviews

Synod –

- (a) urges the filling of vacancies in the membership of the Parish Review Monitoring Panel and the rapid convening of that Panel;
- (b) requests the Panel to develop and publish, in a timely manner, guidelines as to the process and best practice for the conduct of parish reviews, along with a list of suitably trained, experienced and gifted review group facilitators and members, which it has accredited, and
- (c) encourages every parish to undergo a development review utilising the terms of the Parish Development Review Ordinance 2001, within the next 5 years.

(The Rev Canon Sandy Grant)

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Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Wednesday 18 October 2006.

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7:00 pm +	9.7 Training and recruiting teachers for Church schools 9.8 Diocesan policy on education Thereafter, other business as per business paper.

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7:00 – 8:00 pm	Missionary Hour
8:00 pm +	9.11 Anglican Communion Thereafter, other business as per business paper.

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4:30 – 5:45 pm	9.12 General Synod – Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2006 Ordinances Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7:00 pm +	Presentation on behalf of the Mission Board Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

Bible Reading, Hymn & Prayers: 18 October 2006

Bible Reading: Luke 16:1 – 31

Bible Reader: Mr Steve Brissenden

Bible Study Leader: The Rev Al Stewart

¹Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

³"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

⁵"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶" 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.'

⁷"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

" 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

⁸"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight.

¹⁶"The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it. ¹⁷It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law.

¹⁸"Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²²"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

²⁵"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶And

besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

³⁰" 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Scripture taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version

Hymn: Take My Life

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

Pianist: The Rev Geoff Deutscher

Prayer: Dr Philip Selden

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**