

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

## 1st Session of the 46th Synod Business Paper: Wednesday 16 October 2002

*(Unless otherwise stated, page references are to the Standing Committee's Report - see Part 5 of the Synod Business Rules for ordinance procedures.)*

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

**1. Devotions will be led by Canon John Chapman: see attached**

**2. Minutes of 15 October 2002**

**3. Questions**

- (1) Mr Graeme Marks will seek leave to withdraw notice of the question which he gave on 15 October 2002.
- (2) The Rev Lindsay Johnstone to ask -
  - (a) Within available knowledge has the diocese (or a diocesan insurance policy) ever paid compensation to a victim of alleged sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, child abuse or paedophilia in lieu of the continuation of legal action against an alleged perpetrator being a clergy person or lay worker?
  - (b) If the answer to (a) is "yes", was the compensation ever paid with a proviso or requirement that the person receiving the compensation undertake to the diocese a commitment to silence?
  - (c) If the answer to (b) is "yes", in what years and on how many occasions?
  - (d) Within available knowledge within the diocesan schools governed under ordinances of this Synod has the diocese or a diocesan school ever paid compensation to a victim of alleged sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, child abuse or paedophilia in lieu of the continuation of legal action against an alleged perpetrator being a member of the staff or another employee of that school?
  - (e) If the answer to (d) is "yes", was the compensation ever paid with a proviso or requirement that the person receiving the compensation undertake to the diocese a commitment to silence?
  - (f) If the answer to (e) is "yes", in what years and on how many occasions?
  - (g) Within available knowledge has the diocese ever paid compensation to a victim of alleged misconduct of any type by a member of the clergy or lay person in lieu of continuation of legal action against a senior clergy person for alleged failure to deal appropriately with an accusation against a clergy person or lay worker?
  - (h) If the answer to (g) is "yes", was the compensation ever paid with a proviso or requirement that the person receiving the compensation undertake to the diocese a commitment to silence?
  - (i) If the answer to (h) is "yes", in what years and on how many occasions?
- (3) Ms Lesley Hicks to ask -
  - (a) In view of the escalating world-wide Muslim/Christian conflict, what steps are being taken in our diocese to reflect on these issues and counter the accusations that, with our trust in the Bible and our evangelistic zeal, we are radical, fundamentalist Christians, to be equated with radical fundamentalist Muslims?

(b) Is there any committee devoting itself specifically to these vital issues and, if not, could such a body be established?

(4) Mr Brian Gaetjens to ask -

Synod resolution 35/01 requested that the Diocesan Secretariat consider a further trial, during debates, of projection onto screen of the wordings of motions, ordinance clauses, and proposed amendments.

Has the Secretariat or Standing Committee considered this Synod request, and what was the result of its consideration?

(5) Mr David Power to ask -

(a) What, if any, are the minimum standards for rectories in Parishes in the diocese of Sydney?

(b) What, if any, are the minimum standards for assistant or associate ministers accommodation in Parishes in the diocese of Sydney?

(c) What, if any, will be the minimum standards for rectories in Parishes without property in the diocese of Sydney?

(d) If parishes are unable to meet minimum standards for rectories, would that parish be denied the right to nominate a rector, or would the Archbishop refuse to offer that parish to a clergyman?

(6) Mr Neil Flower to ask -

Considering that the Glebe Administration Board has a policy of not investing in and making money from the manufacture or sale of drugs and/or alcohol -

(a) Does the Standing Committee have a similar policy?

(b) If not, has such a policy been considered?

(c) If yes, what was the criteria used for either acceptance or rejection of such a policy?

(d) Does income received from the rent from the licenced liquor outlet in St Andrew's House go to "Anglican" or other organisations for the rehabilitation of those whose lives have been blighted by liquor?

(e) Have there been any studies made as to the desensitizing effect such open sales of liquor may have on causing future drinking problems in the students at St Andrew's Cathedral School?

(7) Mr Allan Piper to ask -

A work colleague and I, who both attend suburban parishes, intend starting a prayer group at our office in the city. Our aims are to encourage other Christians at work in their witness, and that others come to a saving faith in Christ. In this, we have been encouraged by the formulation of the Mission. We don't care if those saved are added to the 10% of either of our parishes, nor even if they become Anglicans, but that they come to Christ and grow into Christian maturity.

In view of this -

(a) Under the Mission, what plans are intended to equip and resource groups such as ours?

(b) How is it intended to recognise situations such as ours when assessing the achievement of the 10% goal?

#### 4. Petitions

**5. Notices of questions**

**6. Procedural motions from members**

**(1) Reading of the text of motions**

Synod -

- (a) requests that the text of motions be read aloud at the time that notice of them is given, and
- (b) requests that the text of motions for which notice was given today (Tuesday 15 October) be read aloud tonight before the Synod adjourns,

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

*(This is an amended form of a motion moved on  
15 October 2002.)*

(The Rev Phillip Jensen)

**(2) Timetabling of business**

Synod agrees -

- (a) to consider motion 9(1) at 4:15 pm today after consideration of motions 10(2), 10(3) and 10(4), and
- (b) to consider motion 9(3) at 8:00 pm on Monday 21 October after consideration of motion 10(5),

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Mark Payne)

**(3) Time limits for speeches**

Noting that the Synod has already resolved to reduce the time limits for speeches in Committee, the Synod agrees to the following rules for the time limits of other speeches for the remainder of this session (such rules being subject to business rule 4.6(2)) -

- (a) for motions that a proposed ordinance be approved in principle
  - the mover may speak for up to 20 minutes, and up to 5 minutes in reply
  - other members may speak for up to 3 minutes
- (b) for other motions (except motions moved in the Synod in Committee)
  - the mover may speak for up to 10 minutes, and up to 5 minutes in reply,
  - other members may speak for up to 3 minutes

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Mark Payne)

**(4) Procedure for proposed ordinances on Tuesday 22 October**

Synod agrees to consider on Tuesday 22 October a motion that a proposed ordinance pass as an ordinance of the Synod notwithstanding that consideration of the text of the proposed ordinance has taken place on that day, and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Mark Payne)

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

**8. Calling of motions on the business paper**

## 9. Motions about proposed ordinances

### ***Proposed to be taken from 4:15 pm on Wednesday 16 October***

#### **(1) Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2002: passing as an ordinance**

That the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2002 pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

*(Page 13 of the Further Materials)*

(Bishop Peter Tasker/Mr Peter Kell)

### ***Proposed to be taken on Wednesday 16 October after motion 9(1)***

#### **(2) Church Discipline Ordinance 2002: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the Church Discipline Ordinance 2002.

*(Materials circulated to members on Tuesday 15 October 2002)*

(Mr Garth Blake)

### ***Proposed to be taken from 8:00 pm on Monday 21 October after motion 10(5)***

#### **(3) Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002: approval in principle**

That the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002 be approved in principle.

*(Page 1 of the Further Materials)*

(Bishop Peter Tasker/Mr Peter Kell)

#### **(4) Administrator Ordinance 2002: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the Administrator Ordinance 2002.

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(Mr Mark Payne)

#### **(5) Conduct of the Business of Synod Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the Conduct of the Business of Synod Amendment Ordinance 2002

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(Mr Mark Payne)

#### **(6) Synod Elections Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Elections Amendment Ordinance 2002

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(Mr Mark Payne)

### ***Proposed to be taken from 4:30 pm on Tuesday 22 October***

#### **(7) General Synod - Long Service Leave (Amendment) Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Long Service Leave (Amendment) Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002

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(Mr Mark Payne)

#### **(8) General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Special Tribunal) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Special Tribunal) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002

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(Mr Philip Gerber)

#### **(9) General Synod - Special Tribunal Procedure Amendment and Repeal Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Special Tribunal Procedure Amendment and Repeal Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002

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(Mr Philip Gerber)

- (10) **General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002  
(Page 148) (Mr Neil Cameron)
- (11) **General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Tribunals) Amendment Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Tribunals) Amendment Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002  
(Page 154) (Mr Neil Cameron)
- Proposed ordinances for which no specific time has been proposed***
- (12) **Relinquishment of Holy Orders Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the Relinquishment of Holy Orders Amendment Ordinance 2002  
(Page 188) (Mr Philip Gerber)
- (13) **Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2002: approval in principle**
- That the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2002 be approved in principle.  
(Page 199) (Bishop Glenn Davies)
- (14) **Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2002  
(Page 192) (Mr Robert Tong)
- (15) **General Synod - Chancellors Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Chancellors Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002.  
(Page 138) (The Rev Chris Moroney)
- (16) **General Synod - Holy Communion Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Holy Communion Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002.  
(Page 162) (Bishop Glenn Davies)
- (17) **Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2002.  
(Page 116) (Mr Mark Payne)
- (18) **General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2002: approval in principle**
- That the General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2002 be approved in principle.  
(Page 159) (Mr Robert Tong)

## 10. Other motions

### ***Debate proposed to be resumed at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 16 October***

*Motion 10(1) was moved on Tuesday 15 October and consideration of paragraph (a) commenced. A report about the progress of debate on this motion will be circulated separately.*

#### **(1) Diocesan Mission initiatives**

Synod, having adopted the Diocesan Mission -

- (1) commends to regional councils, area deaneries, parishes, organisations and individuals the Mission, Goal, Fundamental Aim and Fourfold Policy, and
- (2) urges them to undertake the following initiatives, where relevant, and to develop their own further strategies in their situation -

- (a) In the light of the policy -

“To call upon God for such outpouring of his Spirit that his people will be assured of his love through his word, seek to please the Saviour in all things, manifest the godly life and be filled with prayerful and sacrificial compassion for the lost in all the world.”

Synod requests that -

- (i) in the normal program of every level of diocesan life serious attention be given to pray for the mission and the appropriate study of God’s word, and
- (ii) each level of the diocese also have such special conferences, prayer days or nights, conventions, rallies and seminars to promote prayerful dependence upon God and attention to the teaching of his word, and
- (iii) Lent in 2003 be specially marked in church gatherings as a season of corporate and urgent prayerfulness and specific preaching in line with this mission policy, and
- (iv) special prayer groups within parishes be organised to persist in the prayerful support of the mission, and
- (v) clergy commit regular time to pray with their colleagues in other parishes, and
- (vi) Christian publishers produce Bible study and discussion group material to equip adult, children and youth groups to study God’s word and promote prayer, and
- (vii) Anglican Media produce materials through *Southern Cross* and the Web site to stimulate and assist those praying for the mission, and
- (viii) the Archbishop, regional bishops, archdeacons and clergy exercise continued leadership in prayerful dependence upon God in all meetings, conferences and committees in which they are engaged, as well as in public preaching and teaching of God’s word, and
- (ix) a small task force be set up to promote prayerfulness for the mission.
- (x) .....

### ***Proposed to be taken on Wednesday 16 October after consideration of (a) has been completed***

- (b) In the light of the policy -

“To enable parish churches to expand numerically, equip and nurture their members, and become the mother-churches of as many fellowships and congregations as possible; and also to take further initiatives to create fellowships by penetrating structures of society beyond the reach of the parish church with the gospel.”

Synod requests that -

- (i) each parish council consider how they can best contribute to this mission policy, and

- (ii) regional councils evaluate how to encourage parishes in their region to fulfill this policy, and
- (iii) incumbents re-evaluate their timetable and parish responsibilities to free up time (at least one day a fortnight) to develop new initiatives in the parish, and
- (iv) incumbents take time to rethink parish ministry and retrain in congregational planting, and
- (v) where possible, regional councils invest their resources to seed fund parish initiatives and deploy church planting evangelists, and
- (vi) any church which is not of sufficient strength to reach their parish mission field restructure their ministry and/or gain outside help for the task of the mission, and
- (vii) large churches take the initiative in planting new congregations, and
- (viii) a network of evangelists be seed funded to plant new work among specialised groups within society, especially non-Anglo Saxon migrant groups and the indigenous communities, and
- (ix) parishes try to plant at least as many congregations as there are primary schools in their parish, and
- (x) the level of sacrificial giving be raised to pay for increased activity at the parish level, and to contribute more to world mission, and
- (xi) churches in richer/older and poorer/newer parishes be twinned to directly share resources and giving directly from parish to parish, and
- (xii) a best practice code be developed for parishes with a peer group advisory service to help parishes meet the opportunities for mission, and
- (xiii) each parish have a children's and youth ministry and, where possible, both Sunday morning and evening services, and
- (xiv) research be undertaken on -
  - (1) the effectiveness of combining parishes,
  - (2) models of church planting,
  - (3) the financial development of parishes,
  - (4) the base numbers and goal numbers of the mission,
  - (5) the areas (geographical and sociological) where we are not reaching the community, and
  - (6) where we have the most effective outreach, and
- (xv) new churches be developed with church organisations e.g. schools, hospitals, retirement villages, and
- (xvi) a strategy be developed for acquiring property for church planting, and
- (xvii) new architectural and building models be developed for multipurpose buildings.
- (xviii) .....

***Proposed to be taken at 4:00 pm on Monday 21 October***

- (c) In the light of the policy -

“To multiply the number of well-trained persons (ordained, lay, full time, part time, voluntary) lovingly dedicated to the creation and development of such parishes, congregations and fellowships by proclaiming the gospel.”

Synod requests that -

- (i) 1,000 full-time pastoral workers and 10,000 lay pastoral workers be trained and deployed in the next 10 years, and
- (ii) Moore College be resourced to exercise the theological leadership in training our diocesan personnel for the mission, and
- (iii) training programs for lay pastoral ministry be created and published, and
- (iv) parishes recruit their most gifted members into the evangelistic task of the mission and,

- (v) people be recruited and trained for cross cultural, evangelistic and church planting ministries, and
- (vi) each parish employ at least one more catechist in 2003 than in 2002, and
- (vii) regional councils give priority to supporting seed funding to assist increasing parish staff.
- (viii) .....

***Proposed to be taken at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 22 October***

- (d) In the light of the policy -

“To reform the life of the Diocese (including its culture, ordinances, customs, use of resources, and deployment of ministry) to encourage and enable the fulfilment of the fundamental aim.”

Synod requests that -

- (i) the Archbishop reform the pattern and licensing of ministers to reflect better the current diversity of full-time and part-time ministry employees, and to consider creating a role of “pastor” for congregations, and
- (ii) the regional bishops and archdeacons, while retaining their pastoral role, become missionary bishops and archdeacons developing and assisting new work in their regions, and
- (iii) the business of Synod be reorganised to focus upon matters of principle rather than details of committee work, and
- (iv) policy task forces be created to help co-ordinate the various agencies involved in the delivery of ministries funded by the Synod, and
- (v) a ministry portfolio be established to oversee the work of recruiting, training, retraining and deploying ministers, and
- (vi) the parish system, parish boundaries and parochial status be reviewed, and
- (vii) the creation of a church membership and partnership in the mission be considered, and
- (viii) an evaluation be undertaken of the effectiveness of current programmes or organisations and their contribution to the mission, and how those programs or organisations might be made more effective, and
- (ix) the Archbishop invite the heads of other churches to join in the mission.
- (x) .....

(The Rev Phillip Jensen  
 The Rev Dr John Woodhouse - para (a)  
 The Rev Stephen Semenchuk - para (b)  
 The Rev Narelle Jarrett - para (c)  
 Dr Kim Hawtrey - para (d))

***Proposed to be taken from 4:00 pm on Wednesday 16 October***

**(2) Reclassification of Crestwood as a parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Crestwood as a parish with effect from 1 January 2003.  
 (Page 29 of the Supplementary Materials) (The Rev Chris Jones/Mr Andrew Robertson)

**(3) Reclassification of Gerringong as a parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Gerringong as a parish with effect from 1 January 2003.  
 (Page 108) (Mr Bruce Parker/Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

**(4) Reclassification of Kingswood as a parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Kingswood as a parish with effect from 1 January 2003.  
 (Page 104) (The Rev Steve Gooch/Mr Ray Wright)



***Proposed to be taken at 8:00 pm on Monday 21 October***

**(5) Merger of Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and Anglican Superannuation Australia**

Synod -

- (a) consents to the merger of Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and Anglican Superannuation Australia, and
- (b) notes the proposal that the funds will be managed initially by a board of 12 from Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and 8 from Anglican Superannuation Australia, and
- (c) requests that Standing Committee consider such ordinances and resolutions as are necessary to put into effect the first and second stages of the merger, and
- (d) requests that progress reports be provided to each ordinary session of the Synod until the merger is completed.

*(Page 43 of the Supplementary Materials)*

(Mr James Flavin/Canon Terry Dein)

***Motions for which no time has been specified***

**(6) Support for churches and parishes without a minister**

Synod respectfully requests that the Archbishop set up a committee to review the effectiveness of the Diocese in supporting parishes and churches during times when they are without a minister taking into account the following principles -

- (a) The committee should review, amongst other things, the experiences of churches and ministers who have recently been involved in this process.
- (b) Matters to be investigated should include
  - The opportunity for parishes and churches to consider options for new directions for ministry, growth and change.
  - The timing of presentation board process, especially when long service leave is taken after a minister finishes.
  - The accuracy of advice from Diocesan Presentation board members to parish nominators.
  - The accuracy of advice from parishes to prospective ministers.
  - Tenure of other parish staff and the effect this can have in the parish.
  - The availability and level of episcopal support for churches without a minister.
  - Processes to deal with and resolve problems in churches and parishes.
  - The availability and level of parish administration support.
- (c) The committee should comprise both laity and clergy but exclude those that are (or have been recently) diocesan presentation board representatives.
- (d) The committee should provide a report to the next session of the Synod outlining the problems and making recommendations as to any changes that would improve our processes and support our church people at a time when they may most need it.

(Mr Ross Mitchell)

**(7) Open meetings of the Standing Committee**

Synod requests that the Standing Committee -

- (a) open its meetings to members of the Synod as observers subject to the Standing Committee's right in the case of a matter which is commercially or personally sensitive or otherwise affects the interests of the Diocese to restrict access while that matter is dealt with, and
- (b) make its agenda and supporting papers for its meetings available to members of the Synod upon request, except in relation to any matter which the Diocesan Secretary considers is likely to be regarded by the Standing Committee as being commercially or personally sensitive or as otherwise affecting the interests of the Diocese.

*(Amended form - text printed incorrectly on 14 October 2002)*

(Ms Kath White)

**(8) Funding for indigenous peoples' ministry**

Synod recommends to the Standing Committee that 5% of income from all sales of the Property Trust per annum be added to the Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Trust Fund for Indigenous ministry within the Diocese.

(Mr Tom Mayne/The Rev John McIntyre)

**(9) Assistance to other dioceses**

Considering the difficult and even parlous states of some of the dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia and especially in the Province of New South Wales, Synod agrees to set up a Commission under the leadership of the Archbishop which would report to the Mission Taskforce to investigate ways by which this Diocese can bring help to another Diocese that may request it. Such help could include the possibility of sending clergy and other pastoral workers along with pastoral "tools" to that Diocese for the specific furtherance of Gospel ministry and outreach.

And

That such Commission be empowered to contact selected diocesan bishops to discuss this proposal and/or possibilities of sending help.

The Commission is to consist of the Archbishop (ex officio as President/Chairman), Mr Warwick Olson, the Rev John Cornford and Bishop Glenn Davies, the Chief Executive Officer of Anglican Youthworks, Deaconess Margaret Rodgers and the mover, with power to co-opt.

(The Rev Neil Flower/Canon John Cornford)

**(10) Home Mission Society**

Synod requests that the Standing Committee set up a committee to investigate the present ways in which our Diocese is fulfilling the original and ongoing intentions of the Home Mission Society, and to report back to Synod.

(The Rev Dr Robert Doyle)

**(11) Use of the word "priest"**

Synod reaffirms the decision of resolution 20/97 Liturgical Revision - The use of the word "Priest".

Synod considers -

- (a) that the good reason for our reformers retaining the word "priest" in the Book of Common Prayer is its derivation from the Greek "presbuteros" (which means a senior person, an "elder", or a mature leader), and
- (b) that much of this meaning has been lost, because modern English has come to use "priest" to mean a person who mediates between man and God, and therefore encourages all involved in liturgical revision, in place of the word "priest", to use words like "elder", "president", "presbyter" or "minister".

Synod now considers that our current convention, of using the word "priest" in legislation and formularies describing New Testament ministers, is unhelpful, confusing and dangerous.

Synod asks that the Standing Committee bring to the next session a report, on the action needed to replace the word "priest" with "presbyter" in all our legislation and formularies and, if possible, legislation to this effect.

(The Rev Chris Clerke/ The Rev Joseph Thiem)

(12) **Terrorism**

Synod -

- (a) Acknowledges the horror of the terrorist attacks in Bali on 12/10/2002 and the USA on 11/09/2001, deploras the loss of innocent lives from many nationalities and supports **reasonable** efforts to bring the perpetrators of such attacks to justice.
- (b) Affirms that God's people are called to be peacemakers. Synod further affirms that retaliation and revenge have no part in a Christian response to acts of violence and terror, rather a Christian response needs to focus on establishing and doing justice as well as calling people individually and collectively to repentance and restored right relationship with God and each other.
- (c) Calls on the Australian Government to -
  - (i) encourage and support **reasonable** International efforts to address ~~the root causes of~~ **factors which contribute** to terrorism, particularly through appropriate overseas aid and restructuring of the world's economic system, and
  - ~~(ii) use its influence to dissuade the US Government from the use of pre-emptive military action in Iraq, and~~
  - ~~(iii) refrain from all support of such action, and~~
  - (ii) commit itself to work ~~at all times~~ **wherever possible** through the United Nations in any **reasonable** endeavours focussed on building a secure basis for world peace, and
  - (iii) to work through the United Nations to ensure that all countries possessing nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction submit to regular International inspection and audit so stockpiles are further reduced and eliminated, and.
- (d) Asks the Secretary of Synod to inform the Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Leader of the Opposition, the leader of the Democrats and the Leader of the Greens, and the Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs of this resolution.
- (e) Calls on members of the Diocese to work and pray for peace in every aspect of their lives, modelling for the world the Gospel alternative to violence and terror.  
(Marked up to indicate amended form of motion) (The Rev Chris Albany)

(13) **Drought in New South Wales**

In view of the continued drought, especially in north western New South Wales, Synod -

- (a) asks for continuing prayer by all parishes for God's mercy on the State of New South Wales in sending refreshing rain, and
- (b) respectfully requests that the Archbishop consider launching an appeal for finances to maintain ministry in the Diocese of Armidale.

(Dr Rod James)

(14) **Anglican sports ministries**

Synod encourages its members -

- (a) to thank God for the widely esteemed evangelistic ministry of the former "Archbishop's Olympic Games Taskforce", and
- (b) to thank God for its recent re-naming by the Standing Committee to "Anglican Sports Ministries" in order to continue and facilitate evangelism through sport by connecting Diocesan churches with a major part of Australian culture, and
- (c) to pray for effectiveness in ASM's "Rugby World Cup Taskforce" in seeking to reach locals, players and tourists in October/November 2003 with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and
- (d) to pray for wide support following the Archbishop's recent endorsement of this new development.

(Bishop Brian King/The Rev G Boughton)

(15) **Freemasonry**

Synod -

- (a) affirms its support of the 1988 Synod Report on Freemasonry, and
- (b) affirms that Freemasonry and Christianity are incompatible, and
- (c) affirms that Freemasonry teaches a system of false religious beliefs that are contrary to biblical Christianity.

Synod encourages all Christians who are members of a Masonic Lodge to demonstrate their undivided loyalty to Jesus Christ by withdrawing from the Lodge.

Synod requests that the Standing Committee undertake the preparation and production of a clear and unambiguous pamphlet suitable for wide distribution, examining the beliefs of Freemasonry and explaining why they differ from Biblical Christianity, and explaining why it is wrong for a Christian to belong to the Lodge.

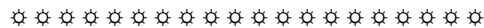
(The Rev Bill Winthrop)

(16) ***Length of Speeches in Committee***

*Synod requests amendment to the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance to reduce the length of speeches in Committee from 5 minutes to 3 minutes subject to extension.*

*(Motion first printed today)*

*(Mr Graeme Marks)*



# Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

*References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Wednesday 16 October 2002.*

<b>Wednesday 16 October 2002</b>	
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Bible study/prayer Formal matters Thereafter, motions for which no time has been specified (from Motion 10(6) onwards)
4:00 - 4:15 pm	Reclassification of Crestwood as a parish: Motion 10(2) Reclassification of Gerringong as a parish: Motion 10(3) Reclassification of Kingswood as a parish: Motion 10(4)
4:15 - 5:45 pm	Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2002: Motion 9(1) Church Discipline Ordinance 2002: Motion 9(2)
7:00 pm	Diocesan Mission Initiatives: Paragraph 2(a) and (b) of Motion 10(1)

<b>Monday 21 October 2002</b>	
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Bible study/prayer Formal matters Thereafter, motions for which no time has been specified (from Motion 10(6) onwards)
4:00 - 5:45 pm	Diocesan Mission Initiatives: Paragraph 2(c) of Motion 10(1)
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Missionary Hour
8:00 pm	Merger of Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and Anglican Superannuation Australia: Motion 10(5) Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002: Motion 9(3) Any unfinished business listed in this Timetable from earlier in the session. Administrator Ordinance 2002: Motion 9(4) Conduct of the Business of Synod Amendment Ordinance 2002: Motion 9(5) Synod Elections Amendment Ordinance 2002: Motion 9(6)

<b>Tuesday 22 October 2002</b>	
3:00 pm	Bible study/prayer Formal matters Thereafter, motions for which no time has been specified (from Motion 10(6) onwards)
4:30 - 5:45 pm	General Synod - Long Service Leave (Amendment) Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: Motion 9(7) General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Special Tribunal) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: Motion 9(8) General Synod - Special Tribunal Procedure Amendment and Repeal Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: Motion 9(9) General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: Motion 9(10) General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Tribunals) Amendment Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: Motion 9(11)
7:00 pm	Diocesan Mission Initiatives: Paragraph 2(d) of Motion 10(1)

## **Bible Reading, Hymn & Prayers: Wednesday 16 October 2002**

### **Bible Reading:**

*Isaiah 11:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of power,  
the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD -  
<sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;  
<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.  
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them.  
<sup>7</sup> The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.  
<sup>8</sup> The infant will play near the hole of the cobra,  
and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.  
<sup>9</sup> They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

*Isaiah 12:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> In that day you will say:

"I will praise you, O LORD.  
Although you were angry with me,  
your anger has turned away  
and you have comforted me.

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust and not be afraid.  
The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation."

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> In that day you will say:

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

*Scripture taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version*

## **Hymn: Consider Christ**

1. Consider Christ the source of our salvation  
That He should take the penalty for me.  
Though He was pure, a lamb without a blemish  
He took my sins and nailed them to the tree.

*Chorus*

My Lord and God you are so rich in mercy  
Mere words alone are not sufficient thanks  
So take my life transform renew and change me  
That I might be a living sacrifice.

2. Consider Christ that He could trust His Father  
in the garden of Gethsemane.  
Though full of dread and fearful of the anguish;  
He drank the cup that was reserved for me.

*Chorus*

3. Consider Christ for death He has defeated.  
And He arose, appeared for all to see.  
And now He sits at God's right hand in heaven;  
where He prepares a resting place for me.

*Chorus*

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