

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

Special Session of the 50th Synod Business Paper: Wednesday 27 April 2016

1. **The Synod assembles in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney at 6.00 pm.**

2. **Prayers are read by the President or a person appointed by him.**

3. **Closure of special session and commencement of business**

3.1 **Closure of special session to the public**

Synod, noting the commercially sensitive nature of certain aspects of the merger proposal being considered at this session –

- (a) orders that its proceedings during the special session be closed to the public (other than members of the Anglicare Council, members of the Anglican Retirement Villages board, and proposed board members of the merged organisation, who are not members of the Synod) and to members of the media, other than Anglican Media staff, and
- (b) requests that Synod members exercise general discretion in what they convey or discuss about the proceedings of the Synod during or subsequent to the session.

(Mr Doug Marr/Mr Robert Wicks)

3.2 **Commencement of business and Presidential Address**

Synod –

- (a) agrees to commence consideration of its business with items 4 and 6-15 inclusive on this business paper, and
- (b) notes that the Presidential Address will be delivered after these items have been dealt with, and
- (c) suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks/Mr Doug Marr)

4. **The President tables a list of the members of the Synod.**

5. **The President delivers his address.**

See item 3.2.

6. **The President tables a document appointing a commissary.**

7. **Elections**

Subject to casual vacancies, the Officers and Committees of the Synod were elected for a term expiring on the first day of the first ordinary session of the 51st Synod. The members currently holding these positions are shown on the Synod page at www.sds.asn.au.

8. **The minute book of the Standing Committee is tabled.**

9. **Petitions**

10. Special arrangements for considering business

10.1 Arrangements for considering the proposed merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for the purposes of considering the motion at item 16.1 on this business paper –

- (a) the mover and seconder of the motion may make a combined presentation to Synod concerning the motion of up to 20 minutes instead of separate speeches of up to 10 and 5 minutes respectively,
 - (b) following any presentation or speeches by the mover and the seconder, members are to be given an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed merger through the President,
 - (c) following the time for questions, general debate on the motion is to commence,
 - (d) 8 members of the Synod shall be taken to have requested that the vote on the final form of the motion be conducted by ballot and taken by Houses for the purposes of business rule 4.12, and
 - (e) in view of the time for questions about the merger proposal under paragraph (a) above, no further questions are to be asked by members under item 11 of this business paper,
- and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks/Mr Doug Marr)

10.2 Arrangements concerning other motions

Synod agrees –

- (a) if the motion at item 17.1 on this business paper is not passed formally on the calling of motions, to refer the motion to the 3rd ordinary session of the 50th Synod and to treat the motion as the first motion received by Standing Committee from a member of that session, and
 - (b) not to receive notice of or consider any other motion which is unrelated to the motion at item 16.1 of this business paper or the conduct of the session,
- and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks/Mr Doug Marr)

11. Questions

12. Procedural motions

13. The President invites members to give notice of other motions

14. Calling of motions on the business paper

15. Tabling and reception of reports etc

Synod notes that the undermentioned reports etc have been tabled, receives them and resolves that they be printed at the discretion of the Standing Committee –

Merger Considerations: *Stronger Together*. Joint report from the CEOs of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages

Board selection and CEO recruitment: Report from the Archbishop and Mr Greg Hammond

Proposed merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages: Report from the Standing Committee (including draft ordinances)

(Mr Robert Wicks/Mr Doug Marr)

16. Motions by request of the Standing Committee

16.1 Approval of the merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages

Synod, noting the report of the Standing Committee in relation to the proposed merger of Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney (“ARV”) and Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (“Anglicare”) together with accompanying draft ordinances and other documents in relation to the proposed merger received at this session, approves in principle the merger of these two organisations on the basis that –

- (a) the indemnity provided by ARV to Anglicare ensures that the position of survivors of child abuse is, as far as can be achieved in practice, at least the same as if Anglicare had continued to operate in its own right,
- (b) the merged organisation will actively aim to continue to deliver services provided by Anglicare and ARV to socially disadvantaged people at an enhanced level,
- (c) the merged organisation will actively aim to continue the work undertaken by Anglicare with Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders at an enhanced level, and
- (d) consideration is given to extending the objects of the merged organisation to include the education of persons in necessitous circumstances,

and requests the Standing Committee to pass such ordinances and take such other action it considers necessary or desirable to give effect to the merger on this basis.

(Bishop Chris Edwards/Mrs Gillian Davidson)

17. Motions received by the Standing Committee

17.1 Salvation in the name of Jesus Christ

That this Synod, noting with gratitude to God the great blessing of salvation in the name of Jesus Christ and

- that there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved;
- that the gospel is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes; and
- that God calls all people to repent and believe,

acknowledges that it is our responsibility to give all people the opportunity to hear the call of God, and calls on all Anglican organisations, schools and churches to ensure the home page of their website has a link to a simple presentation of the Gospel.

(Mr Paul Johnson/Mr Jeremy Freeman)

18. Closure

