

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

1st Session of the 47th Synod Business Paper: Monday 10 October 2005

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

1. **The Synod will assemble in the Sydney Town Hall, George Street, Sydney at 4:30 pm or 15 minutes after the opening service, whichever is the later.**
2. **Prayers will be read by the President or a person appointed by him.**
3. **Procedural Motion re Presidential Address, Mission presentation and seating arrangements**

Synod -

- (a) agrees to commence its meeting forthwith in order to deal with items 4 and 6-14 inclusive on this business paper, and
- (b) notes that the Presidential Address including a presentation about the Diocesan Mission (the "Mission presentation") will be delivered from 7:00 pm, and
- (c) agrees that from 7:00 pm all seating in the main body of the auditorium will be open to both members and other persons invited by the Archbishop to hear the Mission presentation, and
- (d) agrees that no business other than the Mission presentation will be conducted from 7:00 pm until the adjournment of the meeting later this evening, and
- (e) agrees that a motion adjourning the meeting until 3:15pm tomorrow at the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street will taken to have been carried following the Mission presentation, and
- (f) suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

4. **The President will table a list of the members of the Synod.**
5. **The President will deliver his address.**
(to be taken at 7:00 pm - see item 3)
6. **The President will table a document appointing a commissary.**
7. **Elections**

7.1 Under section 12 of the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917, the Synod declares vacancies in the office of member of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney for Dr Lindsay Stoddart and the Rev Craig Roberts who have each come to the end of their term of office.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

7.2 A list of the uncontested elections will be laid upon the table and the results declared.

(Archbishop Peter Jensen)

7.3 A Clerical Secretary and a Lay Secretary of the Synod will be elected.

(Mr Robert Tong)

- 7.4 A Chairman of Committees will be elected.
(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)
- 7.5 A Deputy Chairman or Deputy Chairmen of Committees will be elected.
(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)
- 7.6 A Committee of Elections and Qualifications will be elected.
(Dr Philip Selden)
- 7.7 A Committee for the Order of Business will be elected.
(Mr Robert Tong)
- 7.8 A Minute Reading Committee will be elected.
(Dr Philip Selden)

8. The minute book of the Standing Committee will be tabled.

9. Petitions

10. Notices of questions

11. Procedural motions

11.1 Presentations at the session

Synod agrees to the following -

- (a) presentations on the New Capital Project and the Diocesan Development Fund from 7:00 pm on Wednesday 12 October, and
- (b) the Missionary Hour presentation from 7:00 pm on Monday 17 October, and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

11.2 Special arrangements for the consideration of business

Synod -

- (a) agrees in principle to deal with its business in accordance with the Indicative Timetable for Synod Business, and
- (b) requests that the Committee for the Order of Business bring to the Synod at the beginning of each day any recommendations about amending the Indicative Timetable for Synod Business in light of the progress of business, and
- (c) suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements, or as would prevent the Synod from considering any recommendations from the Committee for the Order of Business.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

11.3 Arrangements for the consideration of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2005

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for consideration of the bill for the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2005 -

- (a) the Synod will be taken to have approved the introduction of the bill, and
- (b) consideration of the motion that the bill be approved in principle is to start at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 11 October, and
- (c) the motion that the bill be approved in principle is to be taken as having been moved and seconded, but instead of making speeches, the mover and

seconders may combine in a presentation lasting up to 40 minutes and including overhead images,

and suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

11.4 Arrangements for consideration of the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2005

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for consideration of the bill for the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2005 -

- (a) the Synod will be taken to have approved the introduction of the bill, and
- (b) consideration of the motion that the bill be approved in principle is to start after consideration of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2005 on Tuesday 11 October, and
- (c) the motion that the bill be approved in principle is to be taken as having been moved and seconded, but instead of making speeches, the mover and seconder may combine in a presentation lasting up to 30 minutes and including overhead images,

and suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

11.5 Notice re proposed ordinances to assent to canons to amend the 1961 Constitution

Under business rule 5.2(3)(d) Synod permits, without further notice, the consideration at this session of a motion for the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution Amendment (Relations with Other Anglican Churches) Canon 2004 Assenting Ordinance 2005.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

11.6 Circulation of printed material

Synod authorises the Secretaries to approve the distribution to members of a report from the Diocese of North West Australia and any report from a Diocesan body or organisation.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

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

13. Calling of motions on the business paper

14. Tabling and reception of accounts and reports etc

- 14.1 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 -

Diocesan Organisations - Annual Reports, Audited Accounts and/or Other Documents

- (1) Abbotsleigh, The Council of
- (2) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney
- (3) Anglican Media Council
- (4) Anglican Youth and Education Division
- (5) Arden Anglican School Council
- (6) Arundel House Council
- (7) Barker College, The Council of
- (8) Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council
- (9) Continuing Education for Ministers, Council of
- (10) Georges River Regional Council

- (11) Glebe Administration Board
- (12) Illawarra Grammar School, Council of The
- (13) Kings School, The Council of the
- (14) Macarthur Anglican Church School Council (The)
- (15) Moore Theological College Council
- (16) Northern Regional Council
- (17) St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter
- (18) St Andrew's Cathedral School Council
- (19) St Andrew's House Corporation
- (20) St Catherine's School Waverley, Council of
- (21) St John's Provisional Cathedral Chapter Parramatta
- (22) St Michael's Provisional Cathedral Chapter Wollongong
- (23) South Sydney Regional Council
- (24) Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Board of
- (25) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council
- (26) Sydney Anglican Indigenous People's Ministry Committee
- (27) Sydney Anglican Pre-School Council
- (28) Sydney Anglican Property Fund
- (29) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation
- (30) Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
- (31) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council
- (32) Sydney Diocesan Educational and Book Committee
- (33) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
- (34) Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board (Anglican SuperFund)
- (35) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
- (36) Trinity Grammar School Grammar Council
- (37) Western Sydney Regional Council
- (38) William Branwhite Clarke College Council
- (39) Wollongong Regional Council

Standing Committee Reports and Accounts etc

- (40) 2005 Annual Report
- (41) 2005 Supplementary Report
- (42) Administration of Confirmation by Presbyters (14/00)
- (43) Congregations of other churches joining the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Sydney (2/03); Associated Churches (21/04)
- (44) General Synod 2004 Legislation
- (45) General Synod Session in 2004
- (46) Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care (14/04)
- (47) Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee
- (48) Reforming parochial structure and administration
- (49) Safe Ministry Policy (18/04)
- (50) Stipends, Allowances and Benefits (2/04)
- (51) Synod Fund Audited Accounts for 2004
- (52) Georges River Regional Council - Annual Report for 2005
- (53) Northern Region Regional Council - Annual Report for 2005
- (54) South Sydney Regional Council - Annual Report for 2005
- (55) Western Sydney Regional Council - Annual Report for 2005
- (56) Wollongong Regional Council - Annual Report for 2005
- (57) Explanatory Statements and reports on Bills

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

- 14.2 Synod notes that the following organisations have not submitted an annual report and a copy of their audited accounts for the most recently concluded financial year, and requests that those organisations lodge those documents as soon as possible-

Anglican Provident Fund (Sydney), Board of (June year end)
 Anglican Retirement Villages: Diocese of Sydney (June year end)
 Department of Evangelism

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

15. Motions for proposed ordinances referred to the 1st session of the 47th Synod

There are no motions under this heading.

16. Motions by request of the Standing Committee

16.1 Associated Congregations (Amendment) Ordinance 2005

Synod permits the introduction of the Associated Congregations (Amendment) Ordinance 2005.
(Page 149) (Bishop Robert Forsyth)

16.2 Conduct of the Business of Synod Amendment Ordinance 2005

Synod permits the introduction of the Conduct of the Business of Synod Amendment Ordinance 2005.
(Page 160) (Mr Robert Wicks)

16.3 General Synod - Constitution Amendment (Relations with Other Churches) Canon 2004 Assenting Ordinance 2005

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution Amendment (Relations with Other Churches) Canon 2004 Assenting Ordinance 2005.
(Page 163) (Mr Michael Orpwood QC)

16.4 General Synod - Holy Orders Relinquishment and Deposition Canon 2004 Adopting Ordinance 2005

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Holy Orders Relinquishment and Deposition Canon 2004 Adopting Ordinance 2005.
(Page 168) (Mr Neil Cameron)

16.5 Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2005

That the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2005 be approved in principle.
(Additional Papers, Page AP1) (Bishop Peter Tasker/Mr Peter Kell)

16.6 Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2005

That the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2005 be approved in principle.
(Page 180) (Bishop Peter Tasker/Mr Peter Kell)

16.7 Safe Ministry Ordinance 2005

Synod permits the introduction of the Safe Ministry Ordinance 2005.
(Page 204) (Mr Philip Gerber)

16.8 Safe Ministry Policy

Synod -

(a) again requests that each parish council and diocesan organisation specifically adopt the following Safe Ministry Policy -

“The [name of Parish or organization] is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people, particularly within its own community. To ensure the safety of children and vulnerable people in our communities, the Church will -

- Carefully recruit and train its clergy and church workers,

- Adopt and encourage safe ministry practices by its clergy and church workers,
 - Respond promptly to each concern raised about the behaviour of its clergy and church workers,
 - Offer pastoral support to any person who has suffered abuse, and
 - Provide supervision of and pastoral accountability to any person known to have abused a child or another vulnerable person”
- (b) requests that each non-parish organisation appoint at least one safe ministry representative equivalent to the parish safe ministry representative or a committee, if required, to take responsibility under the CEO to implement safe ministry policies in their organisation.

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(Mr Philip Gerber)

16.9 Reforming parochial structure and administration

Synod, noting the Policy 4 report about reforming parochial structure and administration –

- (a) gives its in-principle support for the proposals outlined in the report, and
- (b) requests that the Standing Committee bring to the next session of the Synod an ordinance or ordinances which would give effect to these proposals.

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(Bishop Robert Forsyth)

16.10 Administration of confirmation by presbyters

Synod -

- (a) endorses the proposal that confirmation should not be required of those baptised as adults, before their being admitted to holy communion,
- (b) endorses the proposal that clergy, under licence from the Archbishop, be allowed to administer confirmation,
- (c) encourages the involvement of senior laypersons in the catechetical preparation of candidates for confirmation,
- (d) endorses the proposal that clergy, under licence from the Archbishop, be allowed to receive into the fellowship of the Anglican Church people who are communicant members of other Christian denominations, and
- (e) requests that the Standing Committee bring an ordinance to a forthcoming session of Synod or promote a General Synod Canon for the next General Synod that would make the above proposals possible.

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(Bishop Glenn Davies)

16.11 Reappointment of the Stipends and Allowances Committee

Synod hereby reappoints the Stipends and Allowances Committee, with power to co-opt and directs that it report its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee for action.

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(Mr Philip Gerber)

17. Motions by request of a regional council

There are no motions under this heading.

18. Motions received by the Standing Committee

There are no motions under this heading.

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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 Monday 10 October 2005.

Monday 10 October 2005	
4:30 - 5:30 pm	Formal matters (items 1-14)
7:00 pm +	Presidential Address and Mission Presentation

Tuesday 11 October 2005	
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4:30 - 5:45 pm	Reserved for proposed church discipline legislation Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7:00 pm +	16.5 Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2005 16.6 Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2005

Wednesday 12 October 2005	
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4:30 - 5:45 pm	16.7 Safe Ministry Ordinance 2005 16.8 Safe Ministry Policy 16.1 Associated Congregations (Amendment) Ordinance 2005 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7:00 pm +	Reserved for presentations/legislation concerning the New Capital Project and Diocesan Development Fund Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

Monday 17 October 2005	
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4:30 - 5:45 pm	Reserved for proposed legislation concerning associated churches
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Missionary Hour
8:00 pm +	Reserved for debate concerning state of the Anglican Communion Thereafter, other business as per business paper.

Tuesday 18 October 2005	
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters 16.10 Administration of confirmation by presbyters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4:30 - 5:45 pm	Ordinances Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7:00 – 8:00pm	16.9 Reforming parochial structure and administration
8:00pm	Other business as per the business paper