



SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ADELAIDE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF

SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY SECOND TRIENNIAL SYNOD

(160th Annual Session)

Friday 17 - Sunday 19 October 2014

The session opened with the Synod Eucharist in the Cathedral Church of St Peter at 7:00pm on Friday 17 October 2014 at which the Preacher was The Reverend Tim Patrick of the Bible College SA.

Following the Eucharist, the Archbishop, The Most Reverend Dr Jeffrey Driver, opened the Second Session of the Forty Second Triennial Synod and delivered the President's Pastoral Address. The Archbishop expressed the hope that this session be marked "by a deep togetherness under God as well as an adventurous spirit of journey". Among the wideranging issues discussed, the President foreshadowed the appointment of an Aboriginal Bishop in South Australia and spoke about the legislation before this year's Synod with particular reference to The Canon concerning Confessions.

The Synod convened for the dispatch of business at St Peter's College, Memorial Hall, St Peters at 9.00am on Saturday 18 October 2014. The Archbishop, 114 members of the clergy and 143 lay representatives were present.

The Rev'd John Stephenson led the Opening Prayers.

1. The President welcomed members, especially those attending Synod for the first time, to the Second Annual Session of the Forty Second Triennial Synod and thanked The Rev'd John Stephenson for arranging the Synod worship service. The President made introductory remarks regarding general procedure for Synod.

2. PROCEDURAL MOTION

Leave was granted by Synod for Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod, to move the following motion in an amended form.

MOTION

That this Synod welcomes:

The Observers from the Diocese of Willochra (The Rev'd Gregory Stephens and Mrs Rosemary O'Leary) and the Diocese of The Murray (The Very Rev'd Dirk van Dissel and Mrs Jill Herve);

- Sudanese Experimental Congregations:
 - The Pastor and Observers from the Dinka Sudanese Anglican (Episcopal)
 Experimental Congregation at Maughan Church;
 - The Pastor and Observers from The Lakes Province of Sudan (Episcopal)
 Experimental Congregation at St Luke's Whitmore Square;
 - The Pastor and Observers from the Sudanese Anglican (Episcopal)
 Congregation at Church of the Holy Redeemer, Ingle Farm;
- The Observers from the Congregation of St Barnabas' Croydon;
- The Observers from MarThoma Church, Adelaide;
- Ms Susan Arnold, Diocesan Finance Manager;
- Ms Katrina McLachlan, Diocesan Media Officer;
- Members of Diocesan Administration Resources Executive (DARE) who are not members of Synod;
- Ministry Unit Members who are not members of Synod;
- Members of the Diocesan Risk & Audit Committee who are not members of Synod;
- Members of the St Barnabas' Council, who are not members of Synod;
- Directors of the Board of Anglicare SA Ltd who are not members of Synod;
- Mrs Vivien Bleby, Bush Church Aid Society;
- Mr David Williams, State Director, Church Missionary Society;
- Cathedral Chapter Canons who are not members of Synod;
- Ordinands;

and accords them a seat on the floor of Synod with the right to speak but not to vote or move or second motions.

Moved by Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod Seconded by Mr Ian Gray

CARRIED

3. **PROCEDURAL MOTION** MOTION

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as to allow for the timetable of Synod to be as outlined on the Notice Paper noting several orders of the day.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens (Secretary of Synod) Seconded by Mr Ian Gray

CARRIED

4. PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOTION

That this Synod suspends so much of Standing Orders as is necessary to allow for the use of electronic voting, in accordance with the memorandum circulated to members of Synod, at this Session of Synod as and when the President shall determine.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens (Secretary of Synod) Seconded by Mr Ian Gray

- 5. The President announced the appointment of the Synod Minutes Secretary (Mrs Susan Wilkins), Scrutineers (Ms Susan Arnold, Mr Jamie Anderson, Mr Leon Varghese, Ms Kris Coventry, Mrs Anna Halman and Mr Daniel Harris) and Timekeeper (The Archbishop's Chaplain, The Rev'd John Stephenson).
- 6. The President tabled the Register of Members of the Synod.
- 7. The President tabled the names of those members to whom he had granted leave from attendance and tabled the Register of Alternate Lay Members of Synod.
- 8. The Secretary of Synod, Mr Keith Stephens, was invited by the President to address matters regarding Work Health & Safety, Housekeeping and general Synod procedures.
- 9. The President tabled the parochial statistics and "Reports and Accounts for the second session of the 42nd Triennial Synod 2014", containing the following Annual and Special Reports and Accounts, previously distributed with the Notice Paper.

Members of Synod	Clergy Representatives
	Lay Representatives
Diocesan Reports	Diocesan Council Report to Synod
	Diocesan Administration and Resources Executive
	Mission and Evangelism Ministry Unit
	Education and Formation Ministry Unit
	Church in Society Ministry Unit
	The Guardian
	Professional Standards
	Financial Operations
	AnglicanFunds – South Australia
	St Barnabas' College
	Youth Ministry Report
Parish Ministry	St Peter's Cathedral
	Adelaide Area Deanery
	Eastern Area Deanery
	South Eastern Area Deanery
	South Western Area Deanery
	Western Suburbs Area Deanery
	Gawler Area Deanery
Anglican Societies	Anglican Cursillo Movement
	Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion SA
	Girls' Friendly Society in SA Inc
	Mother's Union Australia – Diocese of Adelaide
Anglican Entities	Anglicare SA Ltd
	Anglicare-SA Housing Association
	Anglican Cemeteries
	Laura & Alfred West Cottage Homes Inc
	Leigh Trust
Anglican Schools	Schools Liaison Officer
	Schools' Chaplaincy

	St Peter's Girls School
	St John's Grammar School
	St Peter's College
	Trinity College
Partner Organisations	Anglican Board of Mission
	Bush Church Aid Society
	Fly In Fly Out (FIFO) Ministry
	Church Missionary Society
	SparkLit
	Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students
	Schools Ministry Group
	Converge International
	South Australian Council of Churches
	City Bible Forum

10. No Petitions were presented.

11. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF COMMITTEES MOTION

That Dr Baden Teague be appointed Chair of Committees for this session of Synod.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens Seconded by Mr Ian Gray

CARRIED

12. VOTE OF THANKS to the Archbishop for his Presidential Address MOTION

That a Vote of Thanks be accorded to the Archbishop for his Presidential Address to the Synod.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett Seconded by Ms Sandy Mitchell

CARRIED

13. Motions arising from Presidential Address.

13.1

ST BARNABAS' COLLEGE

MOTION

That the Synod gives thanks to God for the anticipated return of St Barnabas' College to the St Barnabas' Building, North Adelaide, the original location of the College when it was founded there in 1880 by Bishop Augustus Short, and commits to supporting the fund-raising for this project which includes the establishment of the new St Barnabas' Library.

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey Seconded by The Rev'd Andy Wurm

13.2

CATHEDRAL PRECINCT – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MOTION

That this Synod supports the Dean of our Cathedral in achieving a desirable outcome in negotiations with the City of Adelaide in regard to the traffic management in the Cathedral precinct at all times, especially during such events as those held at the Adelaide Oval where road closures and parking restrictions have been put in place.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett Seconded by The Venerable Lyn McRostie

CARRIED

13.3

CONFESSIONS PROTOCOL

MOTION

That this Synod encourages the Archbishop to establish and implement a formal protocol for the hearing of confessions by clergy in the Diocese. This protocol should include specific reference to the hearing of confessions concerning child abuse and child protection issues.

Moved by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall Seconded by The Rev'd Neil Mathieson

CARRIED

14. The President called over the Notice Paper. Standing Orders provide for Synod to move into Conference Mode to discuss the matters referred to in Motion 22a, 22b, 22c and 23. Motions 15.4, 20, 21, 28 and 31 (supplementary motion) were regarded as formal to be put forthwith without speech, amendment or debate.

FINANCE

15. **BUDGET**

Leave was granted by Synod for Mr Keith Stephens, Registrar and Secretary of Synod & Ms Susan Arnold, Finance Manager to present the Financial Statements for the Diocese of Adelaide.

15.1 MOTION

That Synod receives the Financial Statement for the 12 months ended 30 June 2014 and the Synod Operations Report 2014 as dispatched with the Notice Paper.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens Seconded by Mr Alastair Lea

CARRIED

15.2 MOTION

That Synod budget for the Year 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 and the indicative budget for the Year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 as dispatched with the Notice Paper be adopted.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens Seconded by Mr Alastair Lea

ASSESSMENT

15.3 MOTION

That Synod adopts the estimate of Diocesan Expenses for the year 2015 and the rate of assessment of 16.75% of assessable income for the year 2015.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens

Seconded by Mr Alastair Lea

CARRIED

15.4 MOTION

That Synod approves the removal of the Special Assessment Levy (currently at 0.5%) as of 1 January 2015

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens Seconded by Mr Alastair Lea

CARRIED

LEGISLATION

16 CANONS FOR ADOPTION – SIXTEENTH SESSION OF GENERAL SYNOD 2014

16.1 CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (MEMBERSHIP OF THE DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL) CANON 2014

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to assent to the Constitution Amendment (Membership of the Diocesan Tribunal) Canon 2014 (Canon 04, 2014).

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC, Chancellor Seconded by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

CARRIED

As there was no call for the Synod to move into committee the President invited the mover to move that the measure be now passed.

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC, Chancellor Seconded by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

That the measure be now passed.

CARRIED

(Constitution Amendment (Membership of the Diocesan Tribunal) Canon Assent Ordinance 2014 attached).

16.2 CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROVINCIAL TRIBUNAL) CANON 2014

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to assent to the Constitution Amendment (Membership of the Provincial Tribunal) Canon 2014 (Canon 05, 2014).

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC, Chancellor Seconded by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

As there was no call for the Synod to move into committee the President invited the mover to move that the measure be now passed.

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC, Chancellor Seconded by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

That the measure be now passed.

CARRIED

(Constitution Amendment (Membership of the Provincial Tribunal) Canon Assent Ordinance 2014 attached).

16.3 HOLY ORDERS, RELINQUISHMENT AND DEPOSITION CANON 2004 AMENDMENT CANON 2014

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the *Holy Orders, Relinquishment and Deposition Canon 2004 Amendment Canon 2014 (Canon 07, 2014).*

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC, Chancellor Seconded by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

CARRIED

As there was no call for the Synod to move into committee the President invited the mover to move that the measure be now passed.

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC, Chancellor Seconded by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

That the measure be now passed.

CARRIED

(Holy Orders, Relinquishment and Deposition Canon 2004 Amendment Canon 2014 Adoption Ordinance 2014 attached).

16.4 CANON CONCERNING CONFESSIONS 1989 (AMENDMENT) CANON 2014 MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the Canon Concerning Confessions 1989 (Amendment) Canon 2014 (Canon 11, 2014).

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Ruth Mathieson Seconded by The Rev'd Andrew Mintern

CARRIED

Following a call for consideration of the matter in Committee the Synod moved into committee. The President, The Most Rev'd Dr Jeffrey Driver (Archbishop of Adelaide) chaired the committee.

The Chair of the Committee reported that the Committee had recommended that the Measure be passed with one amendment.

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Ruth Mathieson Seconded by The Rev'd Andrew Mintern

That the measure as amended in Committee be now passed.

CARRIED

(Canon Concerning Confessions 1989 (Amendment) Canon Adoption Ordinance 2014 attached).

MOTIONS

17. **ASSESSMENT**

Leave was granted by Synod to the mover to move the motion in an amended form.

MOTION

That this Synod encourages Diocesan Council in its budget processes for the next 7 years to adopt the following general principle: That when funding is freed up because of the repayment of debts related to critical incidents, at least half of that funding should be used to reduce parish assessment.

Moved by The Rev'd Michael Russell Seconded by Mr Allan Perryman

LOST

18. **POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY & THEOLOGY**

Leave was granted by Synod to the mover to move the motion in an amended form.

MOTION

That this Synod gives thanks for the successful "Flourishing in Faith: Positive Psychology and Theology" Conference, a joint initiative of St Barnabas' College and St Peter's College, held at St Peter's College in September 2014; and

- 1. notes that although positive psychology affirms human wellbeing, it does not consider Christian beliefs about sin and grace, redemption through Christ, and the hope of the resurrection;
- 2. encourages further dialogue between positive psychology and theology, focussing particularly on the person and work of Christ;
- 3. notes that a number of schools, including Anglican schools, are adopting positive psychology methods to inform educational practice, particularly the practice of pastoral care and student and staff well-being;
- 4. encourages parishes, especially parish councils, to consider adopting positive psychology practices as a way of improving pastoral care;
- 5. encourages Diocesan Council, through the Education Formation Ministry Unit (EFMU), to explore ways of delivering the education of positive psychology as a tool in ministry and mission.

Moved by The Rev'd Dr Theodore McCall Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

19. ANGLICAN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES MOTION

This Synod welcomes the initiative of AnglicareSA and St Barnabas' Theological College in the preparation of resources on Anglicanism for AnglicareSA Staff and Anglican Schools. This Synod encourages the Anglican Community as a whole to make full use of these resources through its various organisations including parishes.

Moved by The Rev'd Peter Sandeman Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

CARRIED

20. CHURCH IN SOCIETY MINISTRY UNIT & ANGLICARESA MOTION

This Synod welcomes the initiative of the Church in Society Ministry Unit and AnglicareSA to enable Synod Members and other interested Anglicans in the Diocese of Adelaide to participate in Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Sessions early in 2015 and this Synod acknowledges this as an opportunity for Anglicans in the Diocese of Adelaide to grow in their awareness and confidence and engage more effectively with Aboriginal people and communities as part of the ongoing process of recognition and reconciliation.

Moved by The Venerable Peter Chilver Seconded by The Rev'd Peter Sandeman

CARRIED

21. PARISH & MINISTRY REVIEW TASKFORCE MOTION

That this Synod thanks the task force appointed by Diocesan Council for the preparation of the interim report and encourages the intent that this work will continue as an ongoing function of the Diocesan Leadership Team.

Moved by The Venerable Peter Chilver Seconded by Mrs Helen Carrig

CARRIED

SYNOD CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF BISHOP'S COURT

The Synod moved into conference mode to discuss the Future of Bishop's Court.

The Conference was facilitated by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod. Synod members broke into work groups for discussion and the consideration of response sheets, which had been distributed to each table.

MOTIONS (continued)

22. BISHOP'S COURT

22a MOTION

That Synod, pursuant to Paragraph 3 (3) of the Trusts of the See, and subject to the consent of the Archbishop, gives in principle support to subdivide and sell approximately 1,070m² of land in the north east section of Bishop's Court, upon such terms and conditions as the Diocesan Council may approve.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod Seconded by The Rev'd David Covington-Groth

WITHDRAWN BY LEAVE

22b MOTION

That Synod, pursuant to Paragraph 3 (3) of the Trusts of the See, and subject to the consent of the Archbishop, approves to sell or lease the entirety of Bishop's Court, upon such terms and conditions as the Diocesan Council may approve.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod Seconded by The Rev'd David Covington-Groth

LOST

22c MOTION

That Synod, Pursuant to Paragraph 3 (3) of the Trusts of the See, and subject to the consent of the Archbishop, gives in principle support to sell or lease the entirety of Bishop's Court excluding approximately 1,070 m² of the north east corner of the site, upon such terms and conditions as the Diocesan Council may approve.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod Seconded by The Rev'd David Covington-Groth

CARRIED

SYNOD CONFERENCE ON VIABILITY AND STRUCTURES OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Synod moved into conference mode to discuss the Report on Viability and Structures of the Anglican Church.

The Conference was facilitated by The Venerable David Bassett. Synod members broke into work groups for discussion and the consideration of response sheets, which had been distributed to each table.

MOTIONS (continued)

23. **VIABILITY AND STRUCTURES**

MOTION

That Synod notes the Viability and Structures Report tabled at the Sixteenth Session of General Synod, and requests the Archbishop and the Secretary of Synod to prepare a response as per the resolution from General Synod to the General Synod Standing Committee by 31 October 2014 based on the feedback provided at this Session of Synod, and that this response will be provided to the Synod via the Diocesan website.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett Seconded by Mr Kevin Stracey

CARRIED

LAURA & ALFRED WEST COTTAGE HOMES (LAWCH) 24. **MOTION**

That Synod recognises and affirms the long standing connection of Laura and Alfred West Cottage Homes as an agency of the Anglican Church in South Australia, celebrates their work in providing quality social housing to many South Australians and encourages all members of Synod to become members of the Association and attend their Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Mrs Helen Carrig **Seconded by Mr Allan Perryman**

CARRIED

PRISON CHAPLAINCY 25. **MOTION**

That Synod calls on the Diocesan Council and AnglicareSA to convene a working party to establish and implement an action plan for a sustainable prison ministry in SA.

Moved by The Rev'd Martyn Woodsford Seconded by Mr Shaun McGrath

CARRIED

26. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

MOTION

That this Synod recognises the problem of domestic violence in our society and encourages the promotion of respectful relationships and better support in the church for people who are experiencing, or have experienced, domestic violence.

Moved by The Rev'd James Harricks Seconded by The Right Rev'd Dr Tim Harris

27. PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS

Leave was granted by Synod to the mover to move the motion in an amended form.

MOTION

That this Synod supports in prayer the efforts of Palestinian Christians and like-minded Muslim and Jewish neighbours in their quest for the establishment of a viable Palestinian state, together with the efforts of the United Nations in their endeavours to carry out its peace-keeping and investigative tasks.

Moved by Ms Sandy Mitchell Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

CARRIED

28. CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ AND SYRIA MOTION

That this Synod expresses its grave concern for the well-being of Christians and other religious groups under threat in Iraq and Syria. We assure our brothers and sisters of our solidarity with them and of our prayers for their safety. We ask the Archbishop to communicate our good will and support to our sisters and brothers. We ask the Secretary of Synod to forward a copy of this resolution to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition with a note indicating our support for humanitarian aid being provided.

Moved by Mr Paul Wilkins Seconded by The Right Rev'd David McCall

CARRIED

29. **REFUGEES**

Leave was granted by Synod to the mover to move the motion in an amended form.

MOTION

That, acknowledging the Federal Government's authority to administer orderly immigration policy and recognising the moral complexities of that task:

- 1. This Synod affirms the basic human right to seek asylum.
- 2. This Synod respectfully calls upon the Federal Government to honour Australia's international obligations, and urges the Government to reconsider and revise aspects of its current policy, in particular:
 - 2.1. arbitrary and indefinite detention of people seeking asylum in offshore detention centres dependent on their mode of arrival not their refugee status;
 - 2.2. use of emotive language to describe people seeking asylum whose refugee status is yet to be determined;
 - 2.3. implementation of deterrence strategies which can result in trauma for both people seeking asylum and those tasked with enforcing the policies alike;

- 2.4. determination of annual caps with no reference to global needs and limits on access to government services and resources, particularly in relation to (unaccompanied) children.
- 3. Synod recognises and thanks the Primate, the Archbishop and all other Anglicans and Anglican Agencies who provide resources to, and advocate on behalf of, people seeking asylum.

Moved by Ms Emma Riggs Seconded by Mr Eric Smith

CARRIED

30. THE HON DAVID BLEBY QC

Leave was granted by Synod to the mover to move the motion in an amended form.

MOTION

That Synod gives thanks to God for The Hon David Bleby, QC and recognises his significant service to the National Church dating back to the 1970s.

Moved by Dr Baden Teague Seconded by Mrs Helen Carrig

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

31. ANGLICAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY MOTION

That this synod gives thanks for the symposium Anglican Women's Ministry: Flourishing in the 21st Century held on October 10 and attended by 54 women from across Australia, which was sponsored by St Barnabas Theological College. That this synod notes that this symposium provided an opportunity for Dr Heather Thomson who conducted a survey of women deacons, priest and bishops in the Anglican Church of Australia in 2013 to present her findings from the 435 respondents, and that these findings and reflections on them will be accessible on the St Barnabas website as well as in the May 2014 edition of St Mark's Review.

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Ruth Mathieson Seconded by Ms Jayne Taylor

CARRIED

32. CANON CONCERNING CONFESSIONS MOTION

That the Secretary of Synod be asked to convene an *ad hoc* working group to prepare a report to the Standing Committee of General Synod, with a copy to the Diocesan Council, reflecting the concerns expressed in this Synod on the operation of the Canon Concerning Confessions Amendment Canon 2014.

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC, Chancellor Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

33. VOTE OF THANKS FOR SYNOD ARRANGEMENTS MOTION

That the Synod express its grateful thanks-

To the Headmaster of St Peter's College, Mr Simon Murray and his staff, for the use of the Memorial Hall and other school facilities;

To Mr Bill McInerney of this School for his constant and excellent attention to the lighting, public address system and many other details for the smooth running of this session of Synod;

To Mrs Andrea Virgin and the St Peter's College Mission Guild for their excellent and tasty catering and our grateful thanks for their ongoing support for Anglicare SA Ltd.

To The Rev'd John Stephenson and the Cathedral Team for the coordination of worship on Friday evening and prayers during the Synod sessions;

To The President, Archbishop Dr Jeffrey Driver, for his chairing;

To the Chancellor, The Hon David Bleby, QC, the Secretary of Synod, Mr Keith Stephens and the Synod Steering Committee for their preparatory work;

To members of Diocesan Council and other committees and working groups for their talents and time applied to Synod business and the Anglicare SA Ltd Annual General meeting;

To our Chairman of Committees, Dr Baden Teague;

To the Diocesan Office Staff, Daniel Harris, Susan Wilkins, Susan Arnold, Margie Messner, Simon Potter, Andrew Boucaut, Anna-Marie Tamagnone and Nicole Crocker for the preparation and organisation of Synod along with Jamie Anderson, Anna Halman, Leon Varghese, Kris Coventry of AnglicanFunds-SA; and

To ourselves, the members of Synod for preparation of debates, co-operation, patience and good humor.

Moved by The Venerable Lynn McRostie Seconded by Mrs Betty Edwards

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

34. **CLOSING WORSHIP**

Synod closed at 5.00 pm with Evening Prayer led by The Rev'd John Stephenson.