



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

MINUTES OF

**SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-THIRD TRIENNIAL SYNOD
(163RD ANNUAL SESSION)**

Friday 27 – Sunday 29 October 2017

The 163rd Session opened with the Synod worship in the Cathedral Church of St Peter at 7:00pm on Friday 27 October 2017. The Preacher was The Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith, Archbishop of Adelaide.

Following the Synod Eucharist, The Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith, opened the Second Session of the Forty-Third Triennial Synod by delivering the President's Pastoral Address. In the year marking the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, Archbishop Geoffrey addressed a number of matters in his Pastoral Address that included the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the Definition of Marriage. Archbishop Geoffrey Smith spoke optimistically about the way forward for the Diocese and the Vision 2016 Refresh.

The Synod convened for the dispatch of business at Memorial Hall, St Peter's College, St Peters at 9.00am on Saturday 28 October 2017. The President, 108 members of the clergy and 142 lay representatives were present.

The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw 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-Third Triennial Synod and thanked The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw and The Rev'd Janet Phillips for arranging the Synod Eucharist and the Synod worship services. The President made introductory remarks regarding general procedure for Synod.
2. **PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**
Leave was granted by Synod for The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod, to move the following motion in an amended form.

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod welcomes:

- The Observers from the Diocese of Willochra (The Rev'd David Thompson and Mrs Rosemary O'Leary) and the Diocese of The Murray (The Rev'd David Patterson and Mrs Anna Stanley);
- Sudanese Missional Congregations;
 - The Pastor and Observers from the Dinka Sudanese Anglican (Episcopal) Missional Congregation at Playford;

- The Pastor and Observers from The Lakes Province of Sudan (Episcopal) Missional 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;
 - Mrs Theodora Ekonomopoulos, Professional Standards Director;
 - 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;
 - Directors of the Board of AnglicareSA Ltd who are not members of Synod;
 - ABM SA Education Manager, Mr Brad Chapman;
 - Cathedral Chapter Canons who are not members of Synod;
 - Ordinands;
 - Mr Ben Hanisch, Acting Headmaster, St Peter's College; and
 - Ms Amanda Harfield, the recently appointed Diocesan Registrar & Secretary of Synod
- 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 The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Rev'd Janet Phillips

CARRIED

3. PROCEDURAL MOTION

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

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Rev'd Janet Phillips

CARRIED

4. PROCEDURAL MOTION

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

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Rev'd Janet Phillips

CARRIED

5. The President announced the appointment of the Synod Minutes Secretary (Mrs Susan Wilkins), Scrutineers (Ms Susan Arnold, Mr Daniel Harris, Ms Helen Clarke, Mr Leon Varghese, Mrs Anna Halman, Mrs Nicole Crocker, Mrs Margaret Pointon and Mrs Tracey Jolly) and Timekeepers (The Bishop's Executive Chaplains, The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw & The Rev'd Janet Phillips).
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 Acting Secretary of Synod, The Venerable David Bassett, 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 Synod 2017”, 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
	Professional Standards
	The Guardian
	AnglicanFunds – South Australia
	St Barnabas College
	Youth Ministry Report
	Financial Operations
	Archives Report
	The Companion Diocese of Bor
Parish Ministry	St Peter’s Cathedral
	Adelaide Area Deanery
	Eastern Area Deanery
	Gawler Area Deanery
	South Eastern Area Deanery
	South Western Area Deanery
Anglican Societies	Anglican Cursillo Movement
	Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion SA
	Girls’ Friendly Society in SA Inc
	Mothers’ 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	Liaison Officer’s Message
	Schools’ Chaplaincy
	Pulteney Grammar School
	Pedare Christian College
	St Andrew’s School
	St Columba College
	Walford Anglican School for Girls
Partner Organisations	Anglican Board of Mission
	Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students
	South Australian Council of Churches

	Bush Church Aid Society
	Schools Ministry Group
	Church Missionary Society SA/NT
	City Bible Forum
	Converge International
	SparkLit

10. No Petitions were presented. One question was received from and read out by The Rev'd Mike Russell with a response sought by the close of business on Sunday, 29 October 2017.

Question

I note that in FY 2015, actual Staff Costs were \$1,986,876* and that the Synod operations Surplus was \$1,021,603*

I also note that the budget for FY 2018 has Staff Costs as \$2,816,000**, which represents an \$800,000 increase over the actual Staff costs in FY 2015, and a \$700,000 increase over budgeted Staff costs in FY 2015.

I also note that last year a motion was passed endorsing Archbishop Jeffrey's proposal to target a 13% assessment rate as a medium-term goal. In debate surrounding that assessment motion, and repeatedly since FY 2015 on the synod floor, I have argued that the funding for such reduction should come from part of the FY 2015 recurring Surplus, after debt has been repaid.

I also note that the FY 2018 Budget forecasts a Surplus of only \$48,000. So it seems that all of the money that might have been allocated to assessment reduction has been allocated instead to new Diocesan Staff costs since FY 2015.

I ask then:

What are the positions that have been added since FY 2015 that explain the \$700,000 increase in Diocesan Staff Costs?

To what degree was last year's motion regarding assessment reduction considered in drafting this year's budget?

Why was the proposal to use some of the FY 2015 \$1 million recurring surplus rejected?

What is the new plan to either reduce Staff Costs or to increase other income, in order to reduce assessment to 13% over the medium term, in line with synod's expressed will at last year's synod?

* 2015 Synod papers, page 17

The budgeted staff costs for FY 2015 year were \$2,116,275

** 2017 Synod papers, page 36

The Rev'd Michael Russell

RESPONSE – read by The Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith at the commencement of business on Sunday, 29 October 2017.

Answers to Questions raised by The Rev'd Mike Russell

1. Staff costs in the budget include hospital chaplains, assistant bishops and clergy positions funded by the Diocesan Special Funds. There was a general increase of \$100k in wages being 1.5% per year, giving a total increase of 4.5%.

There was also some increase in the FTE of existing positions including front-of-house due to Anglicare leaving the St Barnabas Building, parish support, the Assistant Bishop and the Archbishop Chaplain.

There were also new positions of various time allocations including, an Accountant, Graphic Designer (previously outsourced), Strategic Property Officer (whose costs will be recovered as projects are completed), Admin support, Operations Manager, and the Aboriginal Bishop.

2. Last year's motion "*encourages Diocesan Council to continue to investigate the feasibility of reducing the rate of assessment*". As the budget was prepared in April 2017 just prior to the installation of the new Archbishop and the departure of the Registrar the budget was prepared on a business as usual basis with no change to the assessment rate.
3. The \$1m 2015 surplus translated to a cash surplus of approx. \$650k – this was required to repay \$821k of Green Shoots loans that were outstanding at 30 June 2015.
4. This Synod is working on a refresh of the 2016 Vision, once this has been finalised Diocesan Council will give consideration to the framework for the 2018-19 budget, this will include the setting of the 2018 assessment rate (and beyond).

11. APPOINTMENT TO CHAIR OF COMMITTEES MOTION

That Mr Grant Chapman be appointed Chair of Committees for this session of Synod.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Rev'd Janet Phillips

CARRIED

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

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

Moved by The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

Seconded by Ms Sandy Mitchell

CARRIED

13. Motions Without Notice and Motions arising from Presidential Address.

13.1 LGBTIQ APOLOGY MOTION

We apologise to, and seek forgiveness from, people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex or queer whom we have hurt by words and behaviour that has not displayed the love of God. We are deeply sorry for any harm we have done and repent of such ungodly behaviour.

Moved by The Rev'd Peter Sandeman

Seconded by The Rev'd Joan Riley

CARRIED

13.2 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

MOTION

Synod calls upon the Federal Government to exercise its foreign affairs power to legislate the right to freedom of religion in accordance with Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which states:

1. Everyone should have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right shall include freedom to have or adopt a religion or belief of their choice, and freedom, either individually or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest their belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching.
2. No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair their freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of their choice.
3. Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others.
4. The States Parties to the present Covenant undertake to have respect for the liberty of parents and, when applicable, legal guardians to ensure the religious and moral education of their children in conformity with their own convictions.

The legislative protection of religious freedom should be in the form of a positive protection rather than in the form of exemptions from other legislated civil and political rights.

We know that true freedom does not come from the law: Jesus said "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free."

The ability to believe and worship freely, and to observe, practice and teach one's religion are however precious civil rights which should be deeply enshrined within Australia's legal and social infrastructure.

Moved by The Rev'd Peter Sandeman

Seconded by The Right Rev'd Dr Tim Harris

CARRIED

13.3 REFORMATION 500

MOTION

Noting the five-hundredth anniversary in 2017 of Martin Luther's nailing 95 Theses of protest to the University of Wittenberg's chapel door on October 31, 1517, regarded by many as a significant catalyst in inaugurating protestant reformations in Europe, and recognising Lutherans as partners with Anglicans in ongoing reforming traditions that encompass a variety of denominations and expressions of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ;

Synod

1. gives thanks to Almighty God that in the grace and mercy of God, the Church continues to be reformed, and seeks ever to be so,
2. encourages members of the Anglican Church of Australia to join with our ecumenical partners, and especially the Lutheran Church of Australia, in commemorating this occasion, through shared worship, bible study and partnership in mission and ministry projects,
3. affirms the importance of hearing God's Word in the common tongue, and the practice of regular public reading of the Holy Scriptures through authorised lectionaries,
4. and recommends for study and discussion the biblical and spiritual reflections contained in *Liberated by God's Grace: Anglican-Lutheran Reflections* (LWF 2017), produced by the Anglican-Lutheran International Coordinating Committee (ALICC4).

Moved by The Right Rev'd Dr Tim Harris

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Simon Hill

CARRIED

13.4 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION OF WOMEN

MOTION

That this Synod rejoices in the approaching 25th anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Adelaide, and gives thanks for the rich and varied ministry all clergy offer God's people in this Diocese.

Moved by The Very Reverend Frank Nelson

Seconded by The Venerable Gwilym Henry-Edwards

CARRIED

13.5 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

MOTION

That this Synod notes that

- Bishop Jeffrey Driver has been invited by the Bishops of The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia to offer support to the Colleges in both theological and material matters. Bishop Jeffrey has received a generous gift of building materials and books for the College.
- \$10,000 is needed to transport these goods to PNG by mid-December and urges the clergy and people of the Diocese to give generously to the appeal for this amount.

Moved by The Right Rev'd David McCall

Seconded by Mr Allan Perryman

CARRIED

13.6 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

MOTION

That this Synod expresses its disappointment that the Federal Government has rejected the proposal by the 'Reconciliation Council' of a 'National Indigenous Representative Assembly – A First Nations Voice' to be enshrined in the Australian Constitution, and encourages the Federal Government to reconsider its position.

Moved by The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

Seconded by Ms Katherine Dellit

CARRIED

13.7 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

MOTION

That the Archbishop send the best wishes of the Synod to Bishop Bruce Rosier and our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Moved by Mrs Helen Carrig

Seconded by The Right Rev'd David McCall

CARRIED

14. The President called over the Notice Paper. Standing Orders provided for us to move into conference to discuss the matters referred to in Motion 27. Motion 29 was regarded formally to be put forthwith without speech, amendment or debate.

FINANCE

15. **FINANCE**

Leave was granted by Synod for Ms Susan Arnold, Finance Manager to present the Financial Statements for the Diocese of Adelaide with The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod.

15.1 **MOTION**

That Synod receives the Financial Statement for the 12 months ended 30 June 2017 and the Synod Operations Report for the year ended 2017 as dispatched with the Notice Paper.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Kevin Stracey

CARRIED

15.2 **MOTION**

That Synod adopts the budget for the Year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 as dispatched with the Notice Paper.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Kevin Stracey

CARRIED

15.3 **ASSESSMENT**

MOTION

That Synod adopts the estimate of Diocesan Expenses for the year 2018 and the rate of assessment of 16.00% of assessable income for the year 2018 and encourages Diocesan Council to continue to investigate the feasibility of reducing the rate of assessment.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Kevin Stracey

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Rev'd Mike Russell

Seconded by The Rev'd Mark Hawkes

Delete: "encourages Diocesan Council to continue to investigate the feasibility of reducing the rate of assessment".

Add: "requests Diocesan Council reduce the assessment rate to 15% for the 2019 year and prepare a budget accordingly."

LOST

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Rev'd Mike Russell

Seconded by The Rev'd Mark Hawkes

Delete: "to continue to investigate the feasibility of reducing the rate of assessment".

Add: "and encourages Diocesan Council to specifically consider the feasibility of reducing the assessment rate to 15% for the 2019 calendar year."

LOST

MOTION

That Synod adopts the estimate of Diocesan Expenses for the year 2017 and the rate of assessment of 16.00% of assessable income for the year 2017 and encourages Diocesan Council to continue to investigate the feasibility of reducing the rate of assessment.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Kevin Stracey

CARRIED

16. **CANON FOR CONFIRMATION – PASSED AT LAST YEAR’S SYNOD**

16.1 **CANON CONCERNING NSW PROVINCIAL SYNOD AMENDMENT RATIFICATION CANON 2015 MOTION**

That the Synod having agreed in principle to a measure for an Ordinance to assent to a Bill for a Canon, the *New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ratification Canon 2015 (Bill 01, 2015)* during a vacancy of The See, now confirms its acceptance in accordance with s20(c) of the Constitution.

Moved by Mr Richard Dennis, Chancellor

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Registrar & 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 confirmed.

Moved by Mr Richard Dennis, Chancellor

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Registrar & Secretary of Synod

That the Measure be now confirmed.

CARRIED

17. **ORDINANCE**

17.1 **ELECTION OF A BISHOP ORDINANCE 2002**

Leave was granted by Synod for this matter to be considered as an Order of the Day for Sunday 29 October 2017.

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure to amend the Election of a Bishop Ordinance 2002.

Moved by Ms Emma Riggs

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Registrar & Secretary of Synod

CARRIED

Synod called for consideration of the matter in Committee (Chair of Committees, Mr Grant Chapman).

IN COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

That sub-clauses 7 (3) of the Measure be deleted.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

That sub-clauses 7 (4), (5) and (6) of the Measure be deleted.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

That clause 4, proposed section 3 A, subsection (1) be amended by inserting at the end of paragraph (b) the word "or", and by adding the following new paragraph:

"a failure by the Synod to elect a Bishop under section 8 or the Bishop Elect declining to accept the See."

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

That clause 9, proposed Schedule 2, item 12 be amended by deleting the word "ballot" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words *"motion (if required)"*.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

That clause 9, proposed Schedule 3, Part III be amended by -

- a. amending the heading to read *"Motion under section 8(4)"*;
- b. deleting the Note; and
- c. deleting the words "election of this candidate" wherever they occur and by inserting in lieu thereof the word *"motion"*.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

That subclause 7(7) of the Measure be amended by adding at the end thereof the words *"and substitute "under section 3A"*.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Hon David Bleby QC

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

That clause 9, proposed Schedule 1, paragraph 6 be amended by deleting the words "apply formally for the position, and".

CARRIED

The Chair of Committees reported that the Committee had recommended that the Measure be passed with the above amendments. The President invited the mover to move that the Measure be now passed.

Moved by Ms Emma Riggs

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Registrar & Secretary of Synod

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED

18 **CANON FOR ADOPTION – GENERAL SYNOD**

18.1 **CANON CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION CANON 2001**

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the Holy Communion Canon 2001 (Canon 10, 2001).

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Richard Dennis, Chancellor

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 Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Richard Dennis, Chancellor

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED

19 **CANONS FOR ADOPTION – SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF GENERAL SYNOD**

19.1 **CANON CONCERNING THE CONSTITUTION (APPELLATE TRIBUNAL) AMENDMENT CANON 2017 (CANON 2, 2017)**

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to assent to the Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 (Canon 2, 2017).

Moved by Ms Emma Riggs

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Registrar & 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 Ms Emma Riggs

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Registrar & Secretary of Synod

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED

19.2 **CANON CONCERNING THE CONSTITUTION (JURISDICTION OF SPECIAL TRIBUNAL) AMENDMENT CANON 2017 (CANON 6, 2017)**

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to assent to the Constitution (Jurisdiction of Special Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 (Canon 6, 2017).

Moved by Ms Emma Riggs

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Registrar & 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 Ms Emma Riggs

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Registrar & Secretary of Synod

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED

19.3 CANON CONCERNING THE SAFE MINISTRY TO CHILDREN CANON 2017 (CANON 4, 2017)

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 (Canon 4, 2017).

Moved by The Right Rev'd Dr Timothy Harris

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

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 Right Rev'd Dr Timothy Harris

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19.4 CANON CONCERNING THE EPISCOPAL STANDARDS (CHILD PROTECTION) CANON 2017 (CANON 5, 2017)

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017 (Canon 5, 2017).

Moved by Ms Katherine Dellit

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

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 Ms Katherine Dellit

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED

19.5 CANON CONCERNING THE OFFENCES AMENDMENT CANON 2017 (CANON 7, 2017)

MOTION

Moved by Ms Katherine Dellit

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the Offences Amendment Canon 2017 (Canon 7, 2017).

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 Ms Katherine Dellit

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED

19.6 **CANON CONCERNING THE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL (LIMITATION PERIOD) CANON 2017 (CANON 12, 2017)**

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the Special Tribunal (Limitation Period) Canon 2017 (Canon 12, 2017).

Moved by Ms Katherine Dellit

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

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 Ms Katherine Dellit

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED

19.7 **CANON CONCERNING CONFESSIONS (REVISION) CANON 2017 (CANON 16, 2017)**

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the Canon Concerning Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017 (Canon 16, 2017).

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

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 Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED

19.8 **CANON CONCERNING CONFESSIONS (VULNERABLE PERSONS) CANON 2017 (CANON 17, 2017)**

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the Canon Concerning Confessions (Vulnerable Persons) Canon 2017 (Canon 17, 2017).

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

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 Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED

19.9 **CANON CONCERNING THE HOLY ORDERS (REMOVAL FROM EXERCISE OF MINISTRY) CANON 2017 (CANON 18, 2017)**

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the Canon Concerning the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017 (Canon 18, 2017).

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

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 Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED

19.10 **CANON CONCERNING SERVICES AMENDMENT CANON 2017 (CANON 19, 2017)**

MOTION

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the Canon Concerning the Services Amendment Canon 2017 (Canon 19, 2017).

Moved by The Rev'd Paul Hunt

Seconded by The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

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 Rev'd Paul Hunt

Seconded by The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

That the Measure be now passed and to take effect immediately.

CARRIED

MOTIONS

20. **CREATION CARE**

MOTION

That this Synod:

1. Recognises and affirms that the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it (Psalm 24:1) and that God has given human beings the mandate to lovingly care for the whole creation (Gen. 1:28, 2:15);
2. Laments that our abuse of creation has brought lasting damage to God's world and God's people;
3. Affirms a commitment to bring healing to God's creation by honouring all God's creatures and protecting them from abuse and extinction, as we await God's restoration of creation to wholeness;

4. Supports the establishment of an Anglican Creation Care Network, to encourage and promote actions towards the care of God's creation as a local response to the Mark of Mission: *to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.*

Moved by Ms Wendy Hoare

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

AMENDMENT

Moved by Mr Grant Chapman

Seconded by Ms Wendy Hoare

Delete: "our" (point 2 – after "Laments that")

Add: "all of us"

WITHDRAWN

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Simon Bailey

Seconded by The Rev'd Mike Russell

Delete: "our" (point 2 – after "Laments that")

CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod:

1. Recognises and affirms that the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it (Psalm 24:1) and that God has given human beings the mandate to lovingly care for the whole creation (Gen. 1:28, 2:15);
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4. Supports the establishment of an Anglican Creation Care Network, to encourage and promote actions towards the care of God's creation as a local response to the Mark of Mission: *to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.*

Moved by Ms Wendy Hoare

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO

CARRIED

21. THE COMPANION DIOCESE OF BOR

Leave was granted by Synod to the mover to show a video during the afternoon tea break.

MOTION

That this Synod, encouraged by the support for the Bor Primary Health Clinic from the Diocesan Community and the preparations undertaken by the Companion Diocese of Bor Committee, supports the final construction phase of the project and the travelling group undertaking this work on behalf of the Diocese of Adelaide. This Synod conveys to the people of our Companion Diocese of Bor our warm affection as Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Moved by Dr Geoff Bloor

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

CARRIED

22. **BISHOP'S COURT**

Leave was granted by Synod to the mover to give a presentation of 10 minutes to provide an update of Bishop's Court development.

MOTION

That Synod receives the progress report on the proposed development of Bishop's Court.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Ms Wendy Hoare

CARRIED

23. **PORN HARMS KIDS**

MOTION

That Synod, in celebrating human sexuality as a good gift of God, recognises the harm caused to children and young people in our community by exposure to online pornography. To address this harm, this Synod will:

1. support the education of members in parishes and organisations in the harms of online pornography by encouraging attendance at specially run seminars;
2. prompt the Federal Government to take the lead in addressing this public health crisis by calling all members of the Adelaide Anglican Communion to sign the 'Porn Harms Kids' pledge; and
3. encourage individuals and organisations working with youth within or associated with the Church to endorse the Porn Harms Kids Statement of Research.

Moved by The Rev'd David MacGillivray

Seconded by Mr Nick van Ruth

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Venerable Gwilym Henry-Edwards

Seconded by The Rev'd David MacGillivray

Add: "including" (point 2 – after "public health crisis")

MOTION AS AMENDED

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1. support the education of members in parishes and organisations in the harms of online pornography by encouraging attendance at specially run seminars;
2. prompt the Federal Government to take the lead in addressing this public health crisis including by calling all members of the Adelaide Anglican Communion to sign the 'Porn Harms Kids' pledge; and
3. encourage individuals and organisations working with youth within or associated with the Church to endorse the Porn Harms Kids Statement of Research.

Moved by The Rev'd David MacGillivray

Seconded by Mr Nick van Ruth

CARRIED

24. **WORKING WITH CHILDREN – POLICE CHECKS**

MOTION

That this Synod:

- calls upon the South Australian Government to make the process of accreditation for volunteering and working with children easier in South Australia by adopting an Individual based approach, such as that in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and the Northern Territory, instead of the "point-in-time" police check model that is currently used in South Australia; and
- asks all parishes to ask parishioners and others in the community to sign a petition, asking the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition to make this part of their election commitments.

Moved by The Rev'd Stephen Bloor

Seconded by Dr Geoff Bloor

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

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod

- commends the South Australian Government on its legislation "Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016" as it will make the process of accreditation for volunteering and working with children easier in South Australia.
- encourages the South Australian Government to bring this legislation into operation as soon as possible.
- calls on the South Australian Government to legislate to extend these protections to other vulnerable people
- calls upon the South Australian Government to continue to make the process of accreditation for volunteering and working with children and vulnerable people easier in South Australia by adopting an Individual based approach, such as in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and the Northern Territory, and reporting models that allow agencies to be informed directly by the central assessment unit of when someone becomes a prohibited person.

Moved by The Rev'd Stephen Bloor

Seconded by Dr Geoff Bloor

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Rev'd Peter Sandeman

Seconded by Mr Bruce Linn

Delete: "calls on the South Australian Government to legislate to extend these protections to other vulnerable people".

CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod

- commends the South Australian Government on its legislation "Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016" as it will make the process of accreditation for volunteering and working with children easier in South Australia.
- encourages the South Australian Government to bring this legislation into operation as soon as possible.
- calls upon the South Australian Government to continue to make the process of accreditation for volunteering and working with children and vulnerable people easier in South Australia by adopting an Individual based approach, such as in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and the Northern Territory, and reporting

models that allow agencies to be informed directly by the central assessment unit of when someone becomes a prohibited person.

Moved by The Rev'd Stephen Bloor

Seconded by Dr Geoff Bloor

CARRIED

25. **GENDER EQUALITY (TITLE DEEMED UNRELATED TO THE MOTION)**
MOTION

That this Synod recognises this opportune moment to further our discussions on the role, status and the relationships of gay and lesbian people within our church. This Synod acknowledges that loving and respectful progress will require the majority of us giving ground in open and honest recognition of the many and diverse views held across the Diocese.

Moved by The Rev'd Dr Warren Huffa

Seconded by Ms Meriel Wilson

AMENDMENT

Moved by Mrs Wendy Jeffrey

Seconded by Mr Clive Conway

Delete: "the majority"

Insert: "the" after "us"

Insert: "of" after "giving"

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved by Ms Sandy Mitchell

Seconded by Mr David Hamer

Delete: the 2nd sentence

Insert: "That this Synod recognises this opportune moment to further our discussion on the role, status and the relationships of gay and lesbian people within the church and encourages the Diocesan Pastoral Leaders team to initiate such a discussion."

LOST

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Rev'd Peter Sandeman

Seconded by Mr Bruce Linn

Delete: "of us the giving of ground in"

CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod recognises this opportune moment to further our discussions on the role, status and the relationships of gay and lesbian people within our church. This Synod acknowledges that loving and respectful progress will require open and honest recognition of the many and diverse views held across the Diocese.

Moved by The Rev'd Dr Warren Huffa

Seconded by Ms Meriel Wilson

CARRIED

26. **ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL**

Leave was granted by Synod to the mover for slides to be shown to support the presentation on the St Peter's Cathedral update.

MOTION

That this Synod:

- recognising the unique role of St Peter's Cathedral for our Diocese, our City, the State of South Australia, and the Anglican Province over the past 150 years; and investing in our future ministry in the Diocese and beyond;
- noting that there is identified need for significant long-term, once in a life-time, conservation work on sections of the roof and the opportunity to investigate seismic bracing, and the considerable work already done in preparation for this;
- acknowledging the tremendous effort already made by the Cathedral community towards funding the restoration of the organ, the generous and voluntary professional time and expertise by Cathedral people to developing the Conservation Strategy, and the ongoing annual maintenance schedule funded by the Cathedral; and
- acknowledging the need for the Diocese to share responsibility for the long-term conservation of the Cathedral;

Resolves:

1. to thank and encourage the Cathedral community in its stewardship of this Diocesan and Provincial resource;
2. for Synod to include in its budget over the next five years appropriate provision, noting the immediate costs related to the fixing of the roof;
3. to partner with the Cathedral in raising the required funds from external sources, both government and private; and
4. to explore ways to enable the work to be done as a whole, thus reducing costs in comparison to piece-meal works.

Moved by Mr Allan Perryman

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Registrar & Secretary of Synod

AMENDMENT

Moved by Mr Tim Pennington

Seconded by The Rev'd Linda Brooker

Delete: "for" before "Synod" and "to" after "Synod" (point 2)

Delete: "the required" after "raising" (point 3)

CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod:

- recognising the unique role of St Peter's Cathedral for our Diocese, our City, the State of South Australia, and the Anglican Province over the past 150 years; and investing in our future ministry in the Diocese and beyond;
- noting that there is identified need for significant long-term, once in a life-time, conservation work on sections of the roof and the opportunity to investigate seismic bracing, and the considerable work already done in preparation for this;
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- acknowledging the need for the Diocese to share responsibility for the long-term conservation of the Cathedral;

Resolves:

1. to thank and encourage the Cathedral community in its stewardship of this Diocesan and Provincial resource;

2. that Synod include in its budget over the next five years appropriate provision, noting the immediate costs related to the fixing of the roof;
3. to partner with the Cathedral in raising funds from external sources, both government and private; and
4. to explore ways to enable the work to be done as a whole, thus reducing costs in comparison to piece-meal works.

Moved by Mr Allan Perryman

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Registrar & Secretary of Synod

CARRIED

SYNOD CONFERENCE & PLENARY

In accordance with the Standing Orders Ordinance (Part VIII – 34), the Synod moved into conference mode to discuss matters relating to Item 27 – Vision 2016 and a refresh for the Diocese of Adelaide in considering the way forward.

The Conference was facilitated by The Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith (Archbishop of Adelaide), who delivered a presentation. Group discussion took place and group feedback was provided.

Synod then resumed.

MOTIONS continued

27. VISION 2016

MOTION

That this Synod encourages the working group to continue the development of the refresh of Vision 2016.

Moved by The Venerable Andrew Mintern

Seconded by Ms Katherine Dellit

CARRIED

28. ANGLICARESA LTD CONSTITUTION CHANGES

(a) AMENDMENTS TO ANGLICARE SA LTD CONSTITUTION

MOTION

1. That the amendments to clause 19.1(c) and 21.2 passed at the Annual General Meeting of Anglicare SA Ltd held on the 17th day of October 2015 as set forth in the attached certificate from the Chair be confirmed.

Moved by Ms Emma Riggs

Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

CARRIED

MOTION

2. That the amendments to the Constitution of Anglicare SA Ltd passed at the Annual General Meeting of Anglicare SA Ltd held on the 28th day of October 2017 as set forth in the certificate from the Chair of the meeting now tabled before the Synod be confirmed; and

Moved by Ms Emma Riggs

Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

CARRIED

(b) **AMENDMENTS TO ANGLICARE SA HOUSING LTD CONSTITUTION**

MOTION

That the amendments to the Constitution of Anglicare SA Housing Limited passed at a meeting of the Anglicare SA Housing Limited Board held on 11 September 2017, and a meeting of the Anglicare SA Ltd Board held on 11 September 2017 as set forth in the certificates from the Chair be confirmed by the Synod.

Moved by Ms Emma Riggs

Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

CARRIED

29. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEIGH TRUST**

MOTION

- (a) That Synod notes the term of Mr Wayne Parham is due to end at the October session of Synod 2017, and on the recommendation of Diocesan Council reappoints Mr Wayne Parham as a representative of the Diocese of Adelaide to the Leigh Trust for a two-year term subject to his undertaking in writing, to retire from office under the conditions approved by the Third Session of the Forty Second Triennial Synod.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Kevin Tracey

CARRIED

MOTION

- (b) That Synod notes the vacancies on the Leigh Trust created by the resignation of The Rev'd Paul Mitchell and on recommendation of Diocesan Council appoints The Rev'd Ben Bleby as a representative of the Diocese of Adelaide to the Leigh Trust for a three-year term subject to his undertaking in writing, to retire from office under the conditions approved by the Third Session of the Forty Second Triennial Synod.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Kevin Tracey

CARRIED

30. **MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE/ARISING FROM PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

See Item 13

31. **VOTE OF THANKS FOR SYNOD ARRANGEMENTS**

MOTION

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

To Mr Jason Hall of this School for his management of the school's facilities, which contributed to the smooth running of this session of Synod;

To Chartwells Catering for their excellent catering at Synod;

To The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw and The Rev'd Janet Phillips and the Cathedral Team for the coordination of worship on Friday evening and prayers during the Synod sessions;

To the President, Archbishop Geoff Smith, for his chairing;

To the Chancellor, Mr Richard Dennis, and the Acting Secretary of Synod, The Venerable David Bassett 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 Chair of Committees, Mr Grant Chapman;

To the Diocesan Office Staff for ensuring that our Synod has been possible.

Moved by The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

Seconded by Mr Ian Gray

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

32. **CLOSING WORSHIP**

Synod closed at 5.30 pm with Evening Prayer led by The Rev'd Janet Phillips.