



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

MINUTES OF
FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FOURTH TRIENNIAL SYNOD
(165TH ANNUAL SESSION)

Friday 18 – Sunday 20 October 2019

The 165th Session opened with the Synod worship in St Peter's Cathedral at 7:00pm on Friday 18th October 2019. The Preacher was The Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith, Archbishop of Adelaide.

On Saturday, 19th October 2019, following Morning Prayer led by The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw in Memorial Hall, St Peter's College, the Archbishop, The Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith, opened the First Session of the Forty-Fourth Triennial Synod by delivering an Address to the Diocese. The theme for this year's Synod was "united and connected" with the President highlighting important achievements made during course of the year including the development of the role of Senior Chaplain, the Covenant between the Synod and Anglicare SA Ltd, Cathedral 150 and the role of St Barnabas College.

Following the Archbishop's Address, which was circulated to the members, the Synod convened for the dispatch of business.

The President, 108 members of the clergy and 120 lay representatives were present.

1. The President welcomed members to the First Annual Session of the Forty-Fourth Triennial Synod. The Archbishop thanked The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw for the co-ordination of worship on Friday evening and the Synod worship services. The President made introductory remarks regarding general procedure for Synod.
2. **PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**
Leave was granted by Synod for Mrs Amanda Harfield, 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 (Mrs Rosemary O'Leary) and the Diocese of The Murray (The Rev'd David Patterson and Mrs Joan Small);
- Sudanese Missional Congregations;
 - o The Pastor and Observers from the Dinka Sudanese Anglican (Episcopal) Missional Congregation at Playford;
 - o The Pastor and Observers from The Lakes Province of Sudan (Episcopal) Missional Congregation at St Luke's Whitmore Square;
 - o The Pastor and Observers from the Sudanese Anglican (Episcopal) Congregation at Church of the Holy Redeemer, Ingle Farm;
- Emmanuel Tamil Church, Parish of Lockleys



- The Observers from the Congregation of St Barnabas' Croydon;
- The Observers from MarThoma Church, Adelaide;
- Mr Stephen Diamond, Acting Diocesan Finance Manager;
- Mr Blaine Fitzgerald, Head Anglican Funds South Australia (AFSA);
- Professional Standards Director;
- Members of the Property Finance and Resource Committee (PFRC) 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 Reconciliation, Advocacy & Education Missioner, Mr Brad Chapman;
- Cathedral Chapter Canons who are not members of Synod; and
- 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 Mrs Amanda Harfield, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Venerable Lyn McRostie

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 Mrs Amanda Harfield, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Venerable Lyn McRostie

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 Mrs Amanda Harfield, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Venerable Lyn McRostie

Leave was granted by Synod to move an amendment.

AMENDMENT

Add words:

“When electronic voting is used, the number of votes for and against the proposal shall be provided to Synod when the President declares the result”.

Moved by Dr David Phillips

Seconded by The Rev'd Paul Hunt

AMENDMENT CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED

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**Moved by Mrs Amanda Harfield, Secretary of Synod
Seconded by The Venerable Lyn McRostie**

CARRIED

5. The President announced the appointment of the Synod Minutes Secretary (Mrs Susan Wilkins), Scrutineers (Mr Daniel Harris, Mr Stephen Diamond, Mr Leon Varghese, Mrs Kris Coventry, Mrs Anna Halman, Mrs Nicole Crocker and Mrs Tracey Jolly) and Timekeepers (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 Secretary of Synod, Mrs Amanda Harfield, was invited by the President to address matters regarding Work Health & Safety, Housekeeping and general Synod procedures.
9. The President tabled the "Reports and Accounts for Synod 2019", containing the following Annual and Special Reports and Accounts, previously distributed with the Notice Paper.

Members of Synod	Clergy Representatives
	Lay Representatives
Diocesan Reports	Secretary of Synod Report (including Anglican Cemeteries and Archives)
	Diocesan Council Report to Synod
	Diocesan Risk and Audit Committee
	Property Finance & Resource Committee
	Education and Formation Ministry Unit
	Church in Society Ministry Unit
	Professional Standards Committee
	The Guardian
	Anglican Funds – South Australia
	St Barnabas College
	Discernment and Ministry Formation
	Financial Operations
	ACNC – Annual Information Statement
Parish Ministry	St Peter's Cathedral
	Adelaide Area Deanery
	Eastern Area Deanery
	Gawler Area Deanery
	South Eastern Area Deanery
	South Western Area Deanery
	Western Suburbs Area Deanery
Anglican Societies	Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion SA
	Girls' Friendly Society in SA Inc
	Mothers' Union Australia – Diocese of Adelaide
Anglican Entities	AnglicareSA Ltd



	AnglicareSA Housing Association
	Leigh Trust
Anglican Schools	Schools Liaison Officer's Message
	Pedare Christian College
	Pulteney Grammar School
	St Andrew's School
	St Columba College
	Walford Anglican School for Girls
Partner Organisations	Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students
	South Australian Council of Churches Inc
	Bush Church Aid Society
	Schools Ministry Group
	Church Missionary Society SA/NT
	City Bible Forum
	Converge International
	SparkLit

10. Six questions were received prior to Synod with answers to two of these questions provided in the Notice Paper and four answers provided in the Supplementary Papers circulated to members.

Question 1: Assessment Ordinance

Summited by: The Rev'd David Covington-Groth, Parish Priest of Mitcham

In accordance with the Assessment Ordinance (C6 point 3.7) "The secretary of Synod shall provide to Diocesan Council a summary of assessable income, assessment, total instalments already paid and resulting balance with respect to each parish" has this information been provided to Diocesan Council? If not why not? Can this information also be provided to the Members of Synod through its inclusion in synod papers or handed out at synod?

RESPONSE – Circulated with the Notice Paper.

The information has been provided to Diocesan Council. Diocesan Council has authorised distribution of the 2018 Summary to Synod. A copy of the Summary is **attached**.

Question 2: No Title (

Summited by: The Rev'd Mike Russell, Parish Priest in the Parish of Magill

Could you please provide for us, for each of the last 3 years, the total aggregated collections and donations for the Parishes within the Diocese?

That is not to ask for any individual Parish's collections or donations, but one dollar amount for each of the last 3 years, comprising the sum of collections and donations in all our Parishes for that year.

RESPONSE – Circulated with the Notice Paper.

A copy of the information requested is **attached**.

Question 3: Arising from the Reports to Synod



Summited by: The Rev'd Stephen Bloor, Parish Priest of Salisbury & Parafield Gardens

Given that Diocesan Council after considering increasing the "Maintenance of Property deductibility" of the Diocesan Assessment Deduction Policy Diocesan chose to not increase that deductibility.

And noting that the Presidential Address of last year mentioned that as a Synod, "In the face of the urgent need for us to move to growth we need to release resources so as to reduce the pressure of assessments on parishes, and increase the ministry we are able to fund."

And that the Diocesan Council is recommending still holding a 16% Assessment rate, what could the rate of assessment be and still meet this year's budget if the Diocesan Assessment Deduction Policy was abolished? And how many hours are spent each year by Diocesan Office staff in administering the Diocesan Assessment Deduction Policy?"

RESPONSE – Circulated with the Supplementary Papers

The amount of Assessment in the 2020 Budget is \$1,258,000.

The combined total of parish assessable income for 2018 (in some cases 2017 if the return has not been lodged) was \$10,465,625.

Accordingly, the assessment rate in this instance would be 12% if no deductions permitted under the Policy were applied.

Diocesan Office processes the deductions as part of its acquittal process. There are no statistics on the amount of time it takes to process deductions as part of the acquittal. It is estimated that about 15 hours per annum is allocated to administration of the Diocesan Assessment Deduction Policy.

Question 4: Bor Clinic - Arising from the Reports to Synod

Summited by: The Rev'd July Ayuen, Parish of Elizabeth (Dinka Sudanese Community)

I notice that there is no report from the Bor Committee this year. Can you please tell me what is the status of the companion relationship with the Diocese of Bor in South Sudan and what progress has been made towards completing the building of the Mothers and Babies Health Clinic in Bor?"

RESPONSE – Circulated with the Supplementary Papers

Page 15 of the 2019 Reports and Accounts Book includes the most recent resolutions of Diocesan Council regarding the Companion Diocese of Bor. The Secretary of Synod continues to work to implement the resolutions.

The Secretary of Synod is advised that the Clinic still requires some works before completion (water access and solar power), and an understanding regarding the future operation needs of the Clinic is also required.



**Question 5: St Barnabas College – Operating Budget - Arising from the Reports to Synod
Submitted by: The Rev'd Cameron Munro – Parish of Holy Trinity**

1. What is the operational budget of St Barnabas College?
2. How many graduates of the college have been ordained for ministry in the Adelaide Diocese in each of the past three years?
3. How many of the current students are candidates for ordination within the Adelaide Diocese?

RESPONSE – Circulated with the Supplementary Papers

1. 2018/2019 - \$443,727
2. 2016 – 4 priests; 2017 – 1 deacon; 2018- 2 deacons and 1 priest
3. 8

**Question 6: Communication of Synod Resolutions - Arising from the Reports to Synod
Submitted by: The Rev'd Stephen Bloor – Parish Priest in the Parishes of Salisbury and Parafield Gardens**

In light of the Diocesan Council resolutions at the 10th of April 2019 meeting, has a policy for the communication of Synod resolutions been developed? And has the guide to assist in the preparation of suitable motions for Synod been develop? When can we expect these to be distributed to members of Synod to assist us in our task and help with ensuring that motions of Synod are able to be communicated beyond Synod?

RESPONSE – Circulated with the Supplementary Papers

The resolution of Diocesan Council is listed for completion in the Council's Future Action List by the Secretary of Synod by February 2020. In light of personnel changes, this may need to be reviewed with the approval of Diocesan Council.

**11. APPOINTMENT TO CHAIR OF COMMITTEES
MOTION**

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

Moved by Mrs Amanda Harfield, Acting Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Venerable Lyn McRostie

CARRIED

**12. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS ADDRESS
MOTION**

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

Moved by The Venerable Ruth Mathieson

Seconded by Mr Ian Gray

CARRIED

13. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MOTIONS ARISING FROM PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Archbishop called for Motions Arising from the President's Address and Motions without notice. Synod granted leave for these items to be debated at Item 28.



14. The President called over the Notice Paper. Standing Orders provided for Synod to move into conference to discuss the matters referred to at Items 27. Motions 23 and 30 were regarded formally to be put forthwith without speech, amendment or debate.

In addition, Synod granted leave for Motion 22 to be considered as an Order of the Day at the start of the Business Session at 2.30 pm.

MOTION

That Motion 22 be considered as an Order of the Day at the commencement of the Business Session at 2.30 pm on Saturday 19 October 2019.

Moved by The Rev'd Cameron Munro

Seconded by Mr Andrew Severin

CARRIED

FINANCE

15. **FINANCE**

Leave was granted by Synod for Mr Stephen Diamond, Acting Finance Manager to present the Financial Statements for the Diocese of Adelaide with Mrs Amanda Harfield, Secretary of Synod.

15.1 **MOTION**

That Synod receives the Financial Statement for the 12 months ended 30 June 2019 and the Synod Operations Financial Report for the year ended 2019 as dispatched with the Notice Paper.

Moved by Mr Kevin Stracey

Seconded by Mrs Amanda Harfield, Secretary of Synod

CARRIED

15.2 **MOTION**

That Synod adopts the Synod Operations budget for the Year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 as dispatched with the Notice Paper.

Moved by **Mr Kevin Stracey**

Seconded by Mrs Amanda Harfield, Secretary of Synod

CARRIED

15.3 **ASSESSMENT**

MOTION

That Synod adopts the estimate of Diocesan Expenses for the year 2020 and the rate of assessment of 16.00% of assessable income for the year 2020 and encourages Diocesan Council to continue to investigate the feasibility of reducing the rate of assessment.

Moved by Mr Kevin Stracey

Seconded by Mrs Amanda Harfield, Secretary of Synod



MOTIONS

16. **BILLY GRAHAM MOTION**

That this Synod acknowledges the significant impact of the 1959 Billy Graham crusade and subsequent crusades on many people of our Diocese. We give thanks for the life of Billy Graham and for all, both lay and ordained, who continue to respond to God's call to exercise their own ministries in the building up of the Kingdom of God.

Moved by Ms Sandy Mitchell

Seconded by Ms Wendy Hoare

CARRIED

17. **BUSH CHURCH AID CENTENARY MOTION**

That this Synod thanks God for 100 years of mission by the Bush Church Aid Society 'going the distance' in 'reaching Australia for Christ' through regional and remote areas of Australia, and affirms:

- the importance of gospel ministry in remote areas of Australia
- its commitment to supporting this ministry in prayer
- and encourages church members to pray for and financially support gospel ministry through BCA.

This Synod gives particular thanks for BCA's work amongst Indigenous Australians and joins with the Society in encouraging and facilitating the development of Aboriginal leadership within the Australian church.

Moved by The Rev'd Brad Henley

Seconded by The Rev'd Steve Davis

(Leave was granted by Synod for The Rev'd Steve Davis to speak after the debate was closed)

CARRIED

18. **LGBTIQ+ APOLOGY MOTION**

In view of recent examples of 'hate speech' in the media and social media which targets LGBTIQ+ communities, this Synod reiterates its apology to LGBTIQ+ communities moved in the Synod of 2017 as follows:

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

Synod requests Diocesan Council to distribute the apology through appropriate media channels, and to prepare electronic and print versions of the apology to be made available for display in parishes and other ministries across the Anglican Community in the Diocese.

Moved by The Reverend Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Seconded by The Rev'd Professor Peter Sandeman



AMENDMENT

Delete:

"In view of recent examples of 'hate speech' in the media and social media which targets LGBTIQ+ communities, this Synod reiterates its"

Insert:

"With reference to the"

Moved by The Reverend Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Seconded by The Rev'd Professor Peter Sandeman

CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED

With reference to the apology to LGBTIQ+ communities moved in the Synod of 2017 as follows:

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Moved by The Reverend Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Seconded by The Rev'd Professor Peter Sandeman

CARRIED

19. A SAFE AND WELCOMING CHURCH

MOTION

As Anglicans in the Diocese of Adelaide, we commit ourselves to doing all we can to ensure our churches and ministries are welcoming, safe, respectful and supportive of all people, including those who identify as LGBTIQ+. In equal measure, we make this commitment to all who are socially vulnerable, anxious and fearful in our society, especially those who experience any form of disability, social isolation, intellectual impairment, or mental health issues. We are aware of many in our society who have undergone (or are undergoing) abuse in any of its forms, and who carry physical and emotional scars and bruises as a result: we commit ourselves to do better to be safe places of sanctuary, refuge and nurture.

We deplore and condemn any behaviour that is disrespectful, hurtful, unduly insensitive, bullying or abusive, and recognise and rejoice in the image of God as reflected across all humanity, regardless of race, social location, creed or sexual identity.

In God's grace, guided by God's wisdom and following in the way of Christ, we, as much as anyone else, seek to learn, grow and improve our character and conduct as disciples of Christ.



Synod requests Diocesan Office to disseminate this statement through appropriate media channels, and to prepare and distribute electronic and print versions to be displayed through parishes and other Anglican ministries.

Moved by The Right Rev'd Dr Tim Harris

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Joan Riley

AMENDMENT

We are aware of many in our society who have undergone (or are undergoing) abuse in any of its forms, and who carry physical and emotional scars and bruises as a result.

As Anglicans in the Diocese of Adelaide, we commit ourselves to doing all we can **in a manner consistent with scripture** to ensure our churches and ministries are welcoming, safe, respectful and supportive of all people. ~~including those who identify as LGBTIQ+. In equal measure,~~

We commit ourselves to do better to be safe places of sanctuary, refuge and nurture.

We make this commitment to all who are socially vulnerable, anxious and fearful in our society. ~~, especially those who experience any form of disability, social isolation, intellectual impairment, or mental health issues.~~

~~*We are aware of many in our society who have undergone (or are undergoing) abuse in any of its forms, and who carry physical and emotional scars and bruises as a result. We commit ourselves to do better to be safe places of sanctuary, refuge and nurture.*~~

We deplore and condemn any behaviour that is disrespectful, hurtful, unduly insensitive, bullying or abusive, and recognise and rejoice in the image of God as reflected across all humanity, regardless of race, social location, creed or sexual identity.

~~In God's grace, guided by God's wisdom and following in the way of Christ, we, as much as anyone else, seek to learn, grow and improve our character and conduct as disciples of Christ.~~

Synod requests Diocesan Office to disseminate this statement through appropriate media channels, and to prepare and distribute electronic and print versions to be displayed through parishes and other Anglican ministries.

Moved by The Rev'd Bernie Leo

Seconded by Dr Geoff Bloor

A request was made by The Rev'd Cameron Munro to vote in houses.

LOST

Leave was granted by Synod to move a Procedural Motion without Notice with regards to dealing with complex amendments.



MOTION

That Synod suspends s18 of the Standing Orders addressing amendments and its place adopts the following procedures:

1. where a member of Synod wishes to introduce an amendment, be that by way of addition or deletion or rearrangement of a motion being debated, they shall put to the Synod the full text of the amended motion.
2. on provision of an amended motion, debate shall take place in accordance with the Standing Orders.
3. following debate a vote shall then take place on the amended text. If the amended text as put is not made and following its rejection no further amended texts are put in accordance with 1 above, the motion shall be put as originally proposed.

Moved by The Rev'd Paul Hunt

Seconded by The Rev'd Professor Peter Sandeman

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Delete:

"We deplore and condemn any behaviour that is disrespectful, hurtful, unduly insensitive, bullying or abusive, and recognise and rejoice in the image of God as reflected across all humanity, regardless of race, social location, creed or sexual identity."

Replace:

"We deplore and condemn any behaviour that is disrespectful, hurtful, unduly insensitive, bullying or abusive. We recognise and rejoice in the knowledge that every human is made in the image of God and is to be treated with dignity and respect."

Moved by Ms Wendy Hoare

Seconded by The Rev'd Mark Hawkes

CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED

As Anglicans in the Diocese of Adelaide, we commit ourselves to doing all we can to ensure our churches and ministries are welcoming, safe, respectful and supportive of all people, including those who identify as LGBTIQ+. In equal measure, we make this commitment to all who are socially vulnerable, anxious and fearful in our society, especially those who experience any form of disability, social isolation, intellectual impairment, or mental health issues. We are aware of many in our society who have undergone (or are undergoing) abuse in any of its forms, and who carry physical and emotional scars and bruises as a result: we commit ourselves to do better to be safe places of sanctuary, refuge and nurture.

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Moved by Bishop Tim Harris

Seconded by Rev'd Dr Joan Riley

CARRIED



20. COLLEGIALLY

MOTION

That this Synod:

- Acknowledges the disagreement in this Diocese regarding the things which are necessary for salvation.
- Affirms with sadness that this Diocese is for that reason in a crisis of collegiality.
- Respectfully asks the Archbishop to formulate and express a plan for navigating this crisis.

Moved by The Rev'd Mike Russell

Seconded by The Rev'd Dave Brown

AMENDMENT

Delete:

- "Acknowledges the disagreement in this Diocese regarding the things which are necessary for salvation."

Replace:

- "Affirms as the Archbishop stated in his address that "Unity is so important because it is a mission issue"
- Acknowledges that disagreements in the diocese on a range of issues threaten our sense of unity"

Moved by The Venerable Andrew Minter

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

CARRIED

Leave was granted by Synod for the mover of the original motion to move a Procedural Motion.

MOTION

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended to re-open debate.

Moved by The Rev'd Mike Russell

Seconded by The Rev'd Matthew Lehmann

LOST

AMENDMENT

Delete:

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Replace:

- "Affirms as the Archbishop stated in his address that "Unity is so important because it is a mission issue"
- Acknowledges that disagreements in the diocese on a range of issues threaten our sense of unity"

Moved by The Venerable Andrew Minter

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

CARRIED

MOTION AS IT STANDS

That this Synod:

- Affirms as the Archbishop stated in his address that "Unity is so important because it is a mission issue"
- Acknowledges that disagreements in the diocese on a range of issues threaten our sense of unity



- Affirms with sadness that this Diocese is for that reason in a crisis of collegiality.
- Respectfully asks the Archbishop to formulate and express a plan for navigating this crisis.

AMENDMENT

Delete:

- “Acknowledges that disagreements in the diocese on a range of issues threaten our sense of unity
- Affirms with sadness that this Diocese is for that reason in a crisis of collegiality.
- Respectfully asks the Archbishop to formulate and express a plan for navigating this crisis.”

Insert:

- “Acknowledges that some members of the church in this Diocese sense a lack of collegiality due to what they understand as disagreement over the things which are necessary for salvation and;
- Respectfully asks the Archbishop to form a representative steering committee to plan, implement and conduct opportunities for dialogue and report back to the next annual session of Synod.”

Moved by The Rev'd Dr Don Owers

Seconded by The Right Rev'd Dr Tim Harris

CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod:

- Affirms as the Archbishop stated in his address that “Unity is so important because it is a mission issue”
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- Respectfully asks the Archbishop to form a representative steering committee to plan, implement and conduct opportunities for dialogue and report back to the next annual session of Synod.

Moved by The Rev'd Mike Russell

Seconded by The Rev'd Dave Brown

CARRIED

21. THE DOCTRINE COMMISSION BOOK

MOTION

That this Synod:

1. affirm the courageous and thoughtful contributions by the Rev'd Associate Professor Matthew Anstey and the Rev'd Dr Katherine Smith to the Doctrine Commission's recently published collection of essays on Same-Sex Marriage and the Anglican Church of Australia.
2. requests that the Diocesan Council, before next year's Synod, arranges for at least two discussion forums allowing for respectful, mediated and safe discussion of the significant theological, pastoral and practical issues raised by this publication

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Stephen Daughtry

Seconded by The Rev'd Paula Bullock

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



MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod:

1. recognise the courageous and thoughtful contributions by the Rev'd Associate Professor Matthew Anstey and the Rev'd Dr Katherine Smith to the Doctrine Commission's recently published collection of essays on Same-Sex Marriage and the Anglican Church of Australia.
2. requests that the Diocesan Council, before next year's Synod, arranges for at least two discussion forums allowing for respectful, mediated and safe discussion of the significant theological, pastoral and practical issues raised by this publication

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Stephen Daughtry

Seconded by The Rev'd Paula Bullock

CARRIED

22. LITURGICAL AND PASTORAL RECOGNITION

Synod granted leave for this item to be an order of the day to be discussed at the commencement of the Business Session at 2.30 pm – Saturday 19 October 2019.

MOTION

That this Synod encourage the Diocesan Leadership to explore some form of liturgical and pastoral recognition of LGBTIQ+ people, our relationships, our children and our legal marriages that may be used in the parishes of the diocese. Also that Synod recognise that the absence of liturgical or pastoral recognition has been, is and will continue to be, a source of sorrow and pain for those of us who are told that our lives and loves are not, and cannot be, blessed by God.

Moved by Ms Meriel Wilson

Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Stephen Daughtry

MOTION

That the Synod do now pass to consideration of the next business.

Moved by The Rev'd Professor Peter Sandeman

Seconded by The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson

CARRIED

23. ANGLICAN FOUNDATIONS

MOTION

That this Synod congratulates The Reverend Dr Tim Patrick on his new book entitled Anglican Foundations: A Handbook to the Source Document of the English Reformation and shares the Archbishop's recommendation for Clergy to read it.

Moved: The Rev'd Stephen Bloor

Seconded: The Rev'd Paul Hunt

CARRIED

24. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

MOTION

1. This Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide affirms that:
 - a. everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, as recognised in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 18, including:
 - the freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice, and freedom, either individually or in community with others and in public or



private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching and

- 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;
 - b. everyone has the right to freedom of expression as recognised in ICCPR Article 19;
 - c. everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly as recognised in ICCPR Article 21;
 - d. everyone has the right to freedom of association as recognised in ICCPR Article 22; and
 - e. these freedoms may be subject only to those limitations set out in the ICCPR, namely those that are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect national security, public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others.
2. This Synod asks the Commonwealth Parliament of Australia to enact such legislation as is necessary to uphold these fundamental rights and freedoms throughout Australia and to overrule any contrary State laws.
 3. This Synod asks the Archbishop to write to the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the leaders of other parties and independent Members of Parliament conveying the above resolutions and asking them to support such legislation.

Moved: Dr David Phillips

Seconded: The Rev'd Professor Peter Sandeman

CARRIED

25. **ADOPTION
MOTION**

1. This Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide notes that:
 - a. Children who have lost their parents or have been removed from their natural family for some reason, are in great need of stable care.
 - b. In South Australia, a significant number of children in foster care experience multiple different placements during their formative years, to the detriment of their development.
 - c. The number of South Australian children living in out of home care has greatly increased in recent years.
 - d. Permanent fostering or guardianship is available for some children in out of home care, but these arrangements cease when the children reach the age of 18 and must then fend for themselves.
 - e. In 2017-18, just one South Australian-born child was released for adoption by non-relatives, the lowest number for any state
2. This Synod asks the South Australian Government to seek ways to facilitate open adoption, which provides enduring love and security for needy children while retaining a connection with their birth families.

Moved: Dr David Phillips

Seconded: The Rev'd Professor Peter Sandeman

CARRIED



26. **BISHOP'S COURT
MOTION**

That this Synod:

- acknowledges the significant contribution that the property comprising Bishop's Court has made to the life and mission of this Diocese and the history of Adelaide;
- notes the recommendation from the Trusts of the See Committee that Bishop's Court be sold in its entirety;
- subject to consent in writing of the Bishop, authorises the divestment of the property known as 'Bishop's Court' (Certificate of Title Volume 6033 Folio 30 (CT 6033/30) pursuant to Clause 3(5) of the Trusts of the See Deed;
- delegates to Diocesan Council the authority to do all things necessary for the sale of Bishop's Court at a price appropriate to prevailing market conditions; and
- authorises Diocesan Council, in consultation with the Bishop and Trusts of the See Committee, to acquire an appropriate residence for the Bishop.

Moved: Ms Amanda Harfield, Secretary of Synod

Seconded: The Venerable David Bassett

CARRIED

27.

SYNOD CONFERENCE & PLENARY

In accordance with the Standing Orders Ordinance (Part VIII – 34), the Synod moved into conference mode for a presentation and workshop related to Item 27 – Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Bishop Tim Harris was the facilitator and presenters were: Bishop Chris McLeod, Viv Bleby, the Rev'd Jeff Oake. Members of the RAP Working Group were present.

Synod then resumed.

28. **MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE/ARISING FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S ADDRESS - 13**

28.1 **MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - NEWSTART**

That this Synod

1. supports the recommendations of social welfare and business groups to increase the Newstart allowance by \$10 a day in order to reduce poverty in our community
2. conveys support of this recommendation in a letter to the Prime Minister.

Moved by The Venerable Ruth Mathieson

Seconded by The Rev'd Professor Peter Sandeman

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

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod

1. supports the recommendations of social welfare and business groups to increase the Newstart allowance by at least \$10 a day in order to reduce poverty in our community
2. conveys support of this recommendation in a letter to the Prime Minister.

Moved by The Venerable Ruth Mathieson

Seconded by The Rev'd Professor Peter Sandeman

CARRIED

28.2 **PROCEDURAL MOTION – ELECTIONS**

Leave was granted by Synod for the Chancellor to move a Procedural Motion in relation to the ballot (clergy) for the election to the Panel of Assessors.



MOTION

That s. 7(3) of The Elections and Appointments Ordinance 1980 be suspended in respect to the ballot concerning the election of Clergy to the Panel of Assessors under The Clergy Discipline Ordinance 1983 and that the outcome of the ballot be declared at this Synod.

Moved by Mr Philip Adams, Chancellor

Seconded by Mrs Amanda Harfield, Registrar & Secretary of Synod

CARRIED

28.3 MOTION ARISING FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

This Synod expresses its thanks to Mrs Amanda Harfield for her service to the Diocese as Registrar and Secretary of Synod and prays God's blessing upon her for the future. We give thanks to God for Amanda's leadership of Diocesan Office, her positive engagement with Synod, her enabling of Diocesan Council and the other committees of Synod, and for the godly manner in which she served.

Moved by Venerable David Bassett

Seconded by Katherine Dellit

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

29. ANGLICARESA LTD – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

MOTION

That the amendments to the Constitution of Anglicare SA Ltd passed at the Annual General Meeting of Anglicare SA Ltd held on the 19th day of October 2019 as set forth in the certificate from the Chair of the meeting now tabled before the Synod be confirmed.

Moved by Ms Emma Riggs

Seconded by The Rev'd Janet Phillips

CARRIED

30. LEIGH TRUST APPOINTMENT

MOTION

That this Synod notes the vacancy on the Leigh Trust created by the retirement of Mr Michael Ford and on the recommendation of Diocesan Council appoints Mr Nick Iles as a representative of the Diocese of Willochra to the Leigh Trust 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

Seconded by The Rev'd Janet Phillips

CARRIED

31. THANKS TO THE MINISTRY UNITS

MOTION

That as the triennium draws to a close, that this Synod gives thanks to the Synod Representatives who have loyally represented their Parish at Synod meetings throughout the current triennium and on the various Synod subcommittees.

Moved by Ms Sandy Mitchell

Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

CARRIED

32. VOTE OF THANKS FOR SYNOD ARRANGEMENTS

MOTION

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

To Ms Marie Docking, Memorial Hall Manager, for her 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, 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 Phillip Adams, and the Secretary of Synod, Mrs Amanda Harfield 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; and

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

Moved by The Rev'd Andy Wurm

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

33. **SYNOD CLOSE**

Synod closed at 5.00 pm on Sunday, 20 October 2019 with Prayer.

ITEM 10 – ANSWER TO QUESTION 1

Parish	Net Assessable Income 2018*	2018* Assessment	2018 provisional paid in 2018	acquittal adjustment
Belair*	108,976	17,436	17,436	-
Brighton	218,641	34,983	32,008	2,975
Broadview Enfield	98,923	15,828	16,981	(1,153)
Burnside*	182,336	29,174	29,174	-
Campbelltown	193,567	30,971	30,612	359
Christ Church North Adelaide	724,227	115,876	77,901	37,975
Clarence Gardens	171,338	27,414	18,910	8,504
Coromandel Valley*	141,347	22,616	22,616	-
Elizabeth*	88,747	14,200	14,200	-
Elizabeth Downs	38,040	6,086	7,553	(1,467)
Fullarton	112,348	17,976	15,554	2,422
Gawler	110,881	17,741	17,747	(6)
Glen Osmond	134,986	21,598	20,945	653
Glenelg	262,163	41,946	32,249	9,697
Golden Grove	110,634	17,701	15,831	1,870
Goodwood	132,799	21,248	20,665	583
Hawthorn	170,686	27,310	24,243	3,067
Henley and Grange	120,657	19,305	21,997	(2,692)
Holy Trinity Adelaide	295,059	47,209	49,792	(2,583)
Ingle Farm/Para Hills	142,785	22,846	21,711	1,135
Kangaroo Island	45,946	7,351	9,210	(1,859)
Kapunda	35,230	5,637	4,674	963
Kensington	281,144	44,983	31,897	13,086
Kensington Gardens	22,335	3,574	5,156	(1,582)
Kidman Park & Mile End	106,159	16,985	19,750	(2,765)
Largs Bay	106,928	17,108	13,715	3,393
Lockleys	101,659	16,265	15,565	700
Magill	274,590	43,934	38,247	5,687
Mallala	6,243	999	830	169
Mitcham	246,462	39,434	37,639	1,795
Modbury	167,957	26,873	25,471	1,402
Norton Summit	36,043	5,767	6,888	(1,121)
Norwood	69,428	11,108	7,955	3,153
Parafield Gardens	50,944	8,151	7,496	655
Parkside*	96,915	15,506	15,506	-
Payneham	98,089	15,694	15,824	(130)
Plympton	101,955	16,313	16,179	134
Port Adelaide	77,981	12,477	10,149	2,328
Prospect	104,753	16,760	17,419	(659)

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Parish	Net Assessable Income 2018*	2018* Assessment	2018 provisional paid in 2018	acquittal adjustment
Salisbury	134,756	21,561	11,388	10,173
Seacliff	52,000	8,320	6,234	2,086
Semaphore	113,001	18,080	14,742	3,338
Somerton Park	120,563	19,290	17,988	1,302
St Cyprian's North Adelaide	53,598	8,576	7,235	1,341
St Francis' Trinity College	62,683	10,029	11,550	(1,521)
St John's Halifax Street	212,737	34,038	31,463	2,575
St Luke's Adelaide	196,471	31,435	37,684	(6,249)
St Mary Magdalene's*	105,086	16,814	16,814	-
St Mary's South Road	332,815	53,250	48,369	4,881
St Peters All Souls	142,110	22,738	20,565	2,173
St Peter's Cathedral	327,335	52,374	49,701	2,673
Stirling*	236,446	37,831	37,831	-
Tea Tree Gully	138,164	22,106	23,079	(973)
The Barossa	158,571	25,371	25,610	(239)
Toorak Gardens	116,589	18,654	18,500	154
Two Wells	15,336	2,454	2,418	36
Unley*	154,623	24,740	24,740	-
Walkerville	142,518	22,803	23,028	(225)
Warradale	136,227	21,796	21,048	748
Woodville	89,119	14,259	13,010	1,249

*2018 acquittal not lodged, most recently acquitted data used for comparison

ITEM 10 – ANSWER TO QUESTION 2

Aggregated Collections & Donations data for last 3 years:

	2016	2017	2018
Lodged acquittals	5,774,372	5,545,356	4,840,086
Estimate for outstanding acquittals**	0	81,092	770,558
	<u>5,774,372</u>	<u>5,626,448</u>	<u>5,610,644</u>

** where an acquittal has not been lodged the most recently acquitted data has been used as an estimate