

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 16 February 2015

Following a reading of Psalm 14, Canon Rick Smith and Dr Karin Sowada led in prayer.

Australia Day Honours

Standing Committee congratulates the following members of the Church in the Diocese who were named in the Australia Day Honours list –

Professor Janice Reid AM (AC), who has been extensively associated with Anglican Schools, for eminent service to the tertiary education sector through executive roles, as an advocate for equitable access to educational opportunities, particularly for Indigenous, refugee and lower socio-economic communities, and to health, medical and health care research and cultural bodies.

Mr Andrew Gatenby (AM), a member of the parish of Campbelltown, for significant service to medicine, particularly as a colorectal surgeon, and to the community of South West Sydney.

Mr Rick Morse (AM), a member of the parish of Bowral, for significant service to environmental management through erosion and sediment control practices, and to professional associations.

Dr Graeme Watts (AM), a member of the parish of Epping, for significant service to people with a disability, particularly to wheelchair sports, and to health sciences education.

Mrs June Beck (OAM), a member of the parish of Hunters Hill, for service to the tourism and hospitality sector, and to the community.

Mr Wallace Edwards (OAM), a member of the parish of Manly, for service to the community through a range of organisations.

Mrs Evangeline Galettis (OAM), Archivist of St Catherine's School, Waverley, for service to the community, particularly to educational institutions.

Mrs Maree Grieve (OAM), a member of the parish of Gordon, for service to the community through charitable initiatives.

Mr Brian Larking (OAM), Treasurer of the King's School Council, for service to a range of cultural, social welfare and educational bodies.

Mr Gareth McCray (OAM), a member of the parish of Castle Hill, for service to the community, to radio broadcasting, and to education.

Mrs Alice Millar (OAM), a member of the parish of Gordon, for service to the Anglican Church of Australia, and to the community.

Mr Keith Millar (OAM), a member of the parish of Gordon, for service to the Anglican Church of Australia, and to the community.

Mrs Margaret Stafford (OAM), a member of the parish of Gordon, for service to the Anglican Church of Australia, and to the community.

Mrs Prudence Thomson (OAM), a member of the parish of Lavender Bay, for service to people with disabilities.

Mrs Lorna Wright (OAM), a member of the parish of Concord West with Concord North, for service to the community of Concord.

Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney – Half Yearly Report

Standing Committee received a half yearly report from the Board of the Anglican Retirement Villages.

Minutes of 8 December 2014

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 8 December 2014.

Welcome to Canon Christopher Allan

Standing Committee welcomed Canon Christopher Allan following his appointment as Acting Dean of St Andrew's Cathedral.

Death of Bishop Barbara Darling

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Bishop Barbara Darling on Sunday 15 February 2015.

Ordinances

Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 (Safe Ministry) Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the *Parish Administration Ordinance 2008* with respect to safe ministry.

Glenquarie Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the sale of certain land at Glenfield and to authorise application of the proceeds of sale.

Elections

Election of Committees etc

Royal Commission Steering Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Ms Michelle England	Mr Michael Meek SC
The Rev Dr Andrew Ford	Mr Richard Neal
Bishop Peter Hayward	Mr Russell Powell
Mr Doug Marr	Dr Robert Tong AM

New College Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that 4 vacancies will arise in the membership of New College Limited at the Annual General meeting of the company in May 2015, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling the vacancies at its meeting on 23 March 2015 with effect from the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Robert Menzies College Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that vacancies for 2 members appointed by the Standing Committee will arise at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting (due to be held on 15 June 2015), and
- (b) agreed to consider filling those vacancies at its meeting on 20 April 2015 with effect from the Annual General Meeting.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee noted vacancies for 2 Indigenous persons to be appointed by the Archbishop with the agreement of the Standing Committee taking into account the recommendations of the Committee.

William Branwhite Clarke College Council

The Rev Andrew Lewis was elected. The remaining vacancy was deferred.

**Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on
Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee
Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) General Synod, Lay Representatives on – Miss Caitlin Hurley had ceased holding office as a lay person upon her ordination and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Synod Membership, Part 8 – Miss Caitlin Hurley had resigned as a Nominated Layperson following her ordination and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (c) Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool – Miss Caitlin Hurley had ceased holding office as a lay person upon her ordination and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (d) St Catherine's School Waverley, Council of – Mr Roger Collison had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (e) Anglican Aid – Ms Wendy Toulmin had resigned and vacancy was declared for a person.
- (f) New College Limited – The Rev Dr Andrew Shead had resigned and vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute books of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board have been tabled.

Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received reports concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Glebe Administration Board.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions of the Finance Committee under delegated authority.

Parish of Longueville – calculation of PCR and Levy

Standing Committee requested that the parish of Longueville provide a progress report every six months to the Standing Committee through the Bishop of North Sydney regarding the replacement of their rectory.

General Synod Relations Committee Terms of Reference and sub-delegation

Standing Committee approved changes to the General Synod Relations Committee's terms of reference and approved of the sub-delegation of the powers of the General Synod Relations Committee.

Long Service Leave Levy

Standing Committee received a report from the Secretary of the General Synod Relations Committee and asked the Diocesan Secretary to convey to the General Secretary the concerns raised in the report about the Long Service Leave levy.

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report

Standing Committee received a progress report provided under clause 9A(4) of the *Mission Property Ordinance 2002*.

Synod

10/14 Social housing

Standing Committee received a letter from Mr John Riley on behalf of the Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Minister for Social Services and referred it to the Social Issues Committee for further consideration of any action which might arise to give effect to the intention of the Synod.

Other Matters

Royal Commission Steering Committee Terms of Reference

Standing Committee approved the revised terms of reference for the Royal Commission Steering Committee.

General Synod Financial Risk Officer

Standing Committee noted a letter sent on behalf of the General Synod Relations Committee to the General Secretary.

Model Episcopal Standards Ordinance

Committee received a report from the Secretary of the General Synod Relations Committee.

Date of next meeting

Monday 23 March 2015.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 23 March 2015

Following a reading of Psalm 15, Canon Sandy Grant and Mr John Pascoe led in prayer.

Amendment to the regulation concerning business expediter

Standing Committee agreed to amend the regulation concerning business expediter.

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee noted a progress report.

Minutes of 16 February 2015

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 16 February 2015.

Ordinances

St Andrew's House Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to redeclare the trusts of the property held in the trust fund known as the St Andrew's House Trust, and for purposes related thereto.

Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998 Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the Synod to give its approval, or otherwise determine, regarding the statements of funding principles and priorities prepared for the first ordinary session of each Synod.

Darlinghurst Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Darlinghurst Trust.

Elections

Governance Oversight Committee

Standing Committee dissolved the current Governance Oversight Committee.

Synod Membership, Part 8

Miss Jane Toohar was elected.

Membership of the Standing Committee: Lay person elected by the Regional Electors of the Western Region

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Anglican Aid

Mrs Emma Penzo was elected.

General Synod, Lay Representative on

Miss Jane Toohar was elected.

Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee

Standing Committee deferred consideration of these vacancies until the next ordinary session of Synod.

New College Limited

Filling of vacancies arising at AGM

Dr Lucinda Chubb, Canon Bruce Morrison, Ms Jane Paingakulam and Mr Brian Street were elected.

Deferral of remaining vacancy

The remaining vacancy for a person declared 16 February 2015 was deferred.

Royal Commission Steering Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

St Catherine's School Waverley, Council of

Ms Kim Parish was elected.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee, having taken into account the recommendations of the Committee, approved of the Archbishop appointing –

- (a) Mr Tom Moore and Ms Tace Stevens to fill the vacancies for 2 Indigenous persons, and
- (b) Mr Dave Nolan as an additional Indigenous member under clause 7(3) of the *Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Ordinance 2002*.

Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney – The Rev Craig Roberts had resigned and vacancy was declared for a member of clergy.
- (b) Abbotsleigh, The Council of – Mrs Elizabeth Robinson will reach the maximum permitted tenure of 12 years and a vacancy was declared for a lay woman effective from 1 April 2015.
- (c) Macarthur Anglican School Council – Mr Melville Bell and Dr Matthew Playford had resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 persons.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Glebe Administration Board has been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Diocesan Endowment – Investment Performance December 2014

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions of the Finance Committee under delegated powers.

Blue Mountains Grammar School

Standing Committee received a report.

Parish of Church Hill update and maintenance plans

Standing Committee received a letter from the parish of Church Hill.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Large Property Receipts Policy

Standing Committee considered two alternatives to the Large Property Receipts Policy approved in principle at the 2014 session of Synod, proposed by the Large Property Receipts Policy subcommittee in response to feedback received so far. Standing Committee requested that further consultation with parishes occur, with specific consideration given to these two alternatives, and that the subcommittee report progress by July 2015.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Declaration of Shellharbour Anglican College as extra-parochial

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that, pursuant to clause 7(1) of the *Schools Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975*, Shellharbour Anglican College, which is situated in the Parish of Shellharbour City Centre, be excluded from that Parish and be declared extra-parochial.

Other Matters

Review of Safe Ministry Board Ordinance 2001

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and appointed a committee comprising Mr Doug Marr and the Rev Dr Keith Condie to review the *Safe Ministry Ordinance 2001* and bring its recommendations to a future meeting.

Update on publication of the Doctrine Commission's report on human sexuality

Standing Committee received a report.

Date of next meeting

Monday 20 April 2015.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 20 April 2015

Following a reading of Psalm 16, Bishop Robert Forsyth and Mr Malcolm Purvis led in prayer.

Welcome to Mrs Patricia Jackson

Standing Committee welcomed Mrs Patricia Jackson to the meeting as a member elected by the Western Sydney Regional Electors.

Minutes of 23 March 2015

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 23 March 2015.

GAFCON Primates Communique April 2015

Standing Committee welcomed a communique from the GAFCON Primates Council.

Episcopal appointments in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn

Standing Committee congratulated –

- (a) Archdeacon Matt Brain on his appointment as an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Canberra Goulburn, and
 - (b) Bishop Trevor Edwards on his appointment as bishop responsible for ministry development in the western and coastal regions of the diocese,
- and extended its prayerful best wishes to Matt and Trevor as they commence in these roles.

Ordinances

South Creek Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2015

Standing Committee encouraged the Regional Bishop, the Parish of South Creek, the Mission Property Committee and any other appropriate parties to discuss further the future of the Rossmore site and report back to the Standing Committee as necessary.

Pitt Town Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Pitt Town Trust.

Professional Standards Unit (Funding) Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to meet the cost of an unexpected increase in the non-standard expenses of the Professional Standards Unit.

Synod (General Synod Assessment) Special Application Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property of the Synod is held to permit the application of an amount for the purposes of the General Synod assessment in 2015.

Synod (Governance of Diocesan Organisations) Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to make changes to the reporting and elections processes of the Synod in accordance with the Synod's Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations and for related purposes.

Elections

NSW Ecumenical Council

Standing Committee resolved that the appointment of representatives to the NSW Ecumenical Council be deferred indefinitely.

Membership of the Standing Committee: Lay person elected by the Regional Electors of the Western Region

Standing Committee noted a report to the President of the Synod.

Appointment of Returning officers for the 2nd session of the 50th Synod

The Archbishop-in-Council appointed Mr Daniel Glynn as returning officer and Mr Martin Thearle as deputy returning officer for the purposes of the elections to be conducted at the 2nd session of the 50th Synod.

Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney

The Rev David Ould was elected.

Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool

Standing Committee deferred consideration of this vacancy until the next ordinary session of Synod.

Robert Menzies College Limited

Mr Russell Lee and Ms Maureen Peatman were elected.

Abbotsleigh, The Council of Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on Macarthur Anglican School Council New College Limited Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund – Mr John Horsfield had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Diocesan Endowment – Provision for distribution in 2015 for spending by the Synod in 2016

Standing Committee noted that Glebe Administration Board advised that a distribution of \$4.3 million from the Diocesan Endowment in 2015 may prudently be distributed for spending by the Synod in 2016.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions of the Finance Committee under delegated authority.

Reconstitution of the New South Wales Council of Churches

Standing Committee agreed to the proposed approach to reconstituting the New South Wales Council of Churches ("NSWCC"), and requested the Diocesan Resources Committee to include an amount for NSWCC membership fees in the draft worksheets for each year of the 2016-2018 triennium.

Report from the Work Outside the Diocese Committee

Standing Committee received a report.

Synod funding ordinances for 2016-2018

Standing Committee received a report.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

17/07 Climate change St Andrew's House – Formal Energy Rating

Standing Committee received a report and approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for Synod.

33/13 Domestic violence and educating clergy

Standing Committee –

- (a) received reports from Moore Theological College and Ministry Training and Development, and
- (b) authorised the printing of a suitable form of the reports for the Synod,

30/14 Church land Acquisition Levy

Standing Committee received a report and approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for Synod.

47/14 Report of the Viability and Structures Task Force

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a draft Response to the Report of the Viability and Structures Task Force prepared by the General Synod Relations Committee,
- (b) adopted, with one amendment, the revised draft Response as the response of this Diocese to the Report of the Viability and Structures Task Force,
- (c) requested that the Response be sent to the Standing Committee of the General Synod,
- (d) requested that a copy of the Response be sent to each Sydney General Synod Representative for their information, and
- (e) authorised the printing of the Response for the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Other Matters

Submission concerning Free TV Australia Code of Practice from the Social Issues Committee

Standing Committee noted a submission from the Social Issues Committee to Free TV Australia, regarding its Code of Practice.

Date of next meeting

Monday 25 May 2015.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 25 May 2015

Following a reading of Psalm 17, Canon Phillip Colgan and Miss Jennifer Flower led in prayer.

Appointment of the Rev Kanishka Raffel as the next Dean of Sydney

Standing Committee warmly welcomed the appointment of the Rev Kanishka Raffel as the next Dean of Sydney.

Minutes of 20 April 2015

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 20 April 2015.

Ordinances

Neutral Bay (Pratten Trust) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary trusts and authorise the application of the capital and income of the Pratten Trust.

Elections

Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on

Standing Committee deferred filling the vacancies on the NSW Council of Churches until the discussions about a new constitution for the NSW Council of Churches have been concluded.

Macarthur Anglican School Council

The Rev Paul Davey and Mr Richard Drinnan were elected.

Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustees of

Ms Karin Cook was elected.

Social Issues Committee

Dr Sumithra Muthayya was elected.

Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

The Rev Lisa Thompson was elected.

William Branwhite Clarke College Council

The Rev Sarah Plummer was elected.

Abbotsleigh, The Council of New College Limited

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Trinity Grammar School, Council of – The Rev John Wise had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a clergyman.
- (b) Work Outside the Diocese Committee – Dr Karin Sowada had resigned.
- (c) Anglican Aid, The Archbishop's – Mr Ross Hall had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Glebe Administration Board had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Diocesan Endowment – Investment Performance March 2015

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions of the Finance Committee under delegated authority.

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report

Standing Committee received a progress report provided under clause 9A(4) of the *Mission Property Ordinance 2002*.

Mission Property Committee – Oran Park

Standing Committee noted an article about the new church at Oran Park.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Licensing of lay ministers

Standing Committee received a report and requested the Ordinance Review Group to prepare for consideration by the Standing Committee a proposed ordinance reflecting the principles and levels of licensing lay ministers outlined in the report with a view to the ordinance being promoted to the Synod by request of the Standing Committee.

33/13 Domestic violence and educating clergy

Appointment of Task Force

Standing Committee appointed a Task Force to further develop a diocesan response to domestic violence. The Task Force must consult with domestic violence victims or their representatives and with the Diocesan Doctrine Commission, Moore Theological College and Ministry, Training and Development. The Task Force shall consider the following matters and report back to the Standing Committee with recommendations –

- (a) about developing, adopting and communicating a diocesan domestic violence policy statement, along with advice for good pastoral practice,
- (b) about facilitating education of lay membership of our churches on the issue (e.g., via preparation of suitable resources),
- (c) about educating our youth in regards to the recognition and prevention of domestic violence, and
- (d) about encouraging further developments in our education of clergy and church workers in this area (e.g., recognising warning signs in marriage preparation).'

Allocation of funds for the Task Force

Standing Committee approved expenditure up to \$5,000 from 2015 Synod Fund contingencies to support the work of the Task Force, if needed.

36/14 Further review of the Discipline Ordinance 2006

Standing Committee determined that the report and ordinance referred to in Synod resolution 36/14 be brought for consideration at the 3rd ordinary session of the 50th Synod in 2016.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Parramatta '54 Free Fund

The Archbishop-in-Council authorised the distribution of \$4,984 the accumulated surplus of the Fund held by the Property Trust under clause 3(5) of the *St John's Parramatta Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 1954* (C/F 0354) to pay the General Synod Office for the attendance and travel equalisation costs for 5 Sydney Bishops attendance at the March 2015 Australian Bishops' Conference held in Cairns.

Parish of Canterbury with Hurlstone Park

The Archbishop-in-Council determined, in the circumstances, that the parish of Canterbury with Hurlstone Park should not have the benefits under the *Nomination Ordinance 2006*.

Other Matters

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee received a progress report and allocated \$7,788 from Synod Fund Contingencies to pay the deposit for the M20 Survey design and administration.

Social Issues Committee

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Parental leave for clergy

Standing Committee appointed a committee comprising Archdeacon Kara Hartley, the Rev Natalie Ray, the Rev Andrew Graham and a person appointed by the Stipends and Allowances Committee from among its members to bring a proposal for parental leave for clergy to a future meeting of the Standing Committee in consultation with the Archbishop.

Date of next meeting

Monday 22 June 2015.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 22 June 2015

The Rev Zac Veron and the Rev Dr Michael Stead led in prayer.

Chairman

In the absence of the Archbishop, Bishop Robert Forsyth chaired the meeting as the senior Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

Bishop Peter Tasker

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted Bishop Peter Lin will commence his duties as Bishop of the Georges River Region on 20 July 2015 and therefore this is the final Standing Committee meeting being attended by Bishop Peter Tasker,
- (b) thanked Bishop Tasker for his service to Standing Committee since he became a member in October 1993,
- (c) noted Bishop Tasker was due to retire as Bishop of Liverpool in June 2004 but, with an extension granted by Standing Committee, he continued in this role until June 2009,
- (d) noted since June 2009 Bishop Tasker has undertaken extensive episcopal and other functions at the request of Archbishop Jensen and Archbishop Davies but has received no remuneration for this demanding work,
- (e) noted Bishop Tasker will continue as the Archbishop of Sydney's Bishop for International Relations,
- (f) gave thanks to God for the hard work and wise counsel of Bishop Tasker over many years,
- (g) wished Peter and Joan good health and much joy in this new phase of their lives.

Queen's birthday honours

Standing Committee congratulated the following members of the Church who were recently awarded Queen's birthday honours –

Dr Russell Clark – former CMS Missionary – a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to geriatric and rehabilitation medicine, and to international relations, as a clinician and educator in Asia and Africa.

Mr Barry Collins – former council member and Chairman of the Executive of Trinity Grammar School Council - a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to chemical engineering, through contributions to the mining, paper, and steel industries, and to the community.

Mr Richard Lee – former member of Abbotsleigh School Council – a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to business and commerce through a range of executive roles, and to sporting and charitable groups.

The Rev Kay Clark – former member, lecturer and Board Director of Australian Deaconess Ministries – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the Anglican Church in Australia.

Mr Richard Miles – a member of the parish of St James, Turramurra – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community, particularly through roles with education organisations.

Mr Alan Newing – a member of the parish of All Saints', Figtree – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community through finance roles in the age care sector.

Mrs Fay Rae – a member of the parish of St James, Menangle - a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Camden.

Mr Richard Thompson – a member of the parish of St Augustine's, Neutral Bay – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to veterans and naval history, and to Antarctic exploration.

Death of Sir Harold Knight KBE DSC

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Sir Harold Knight KBE DSC, on Friday 19 June 2015.

Born on 13 August 1919, Sir Harold was a prominent lay contributor to the Diocese of Sydney, serving on the Standing Committee from 1969 until 1990 and as a Trustee of the Estate of the Late Thomas Moore (1971-1986). He was married to Gwenyth Knight for 62 years and leaves five living children, as well as fifteen grand-children and four great-grand-children.

Sir Harold served as a Lieutenant in the Australian Imperial Forces and Royal Australian Navy (1940-1945), where he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Following the war, he worked for the International Monetary Fund (1955-59), before starting at the Reserve Bank of Australia in 1960, ultimately becoming its third Governor in 1975, holding that position until 1982. He was made a Knight of the British Empire in 1980 for his services to the banking industry. After retirement, he served on the boards of several major public companies and organisations, including as President of Scripture Union NSW (1983-2002).

Minutes of 25 May 2015

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 25 May 2015.

Ordinances

Darling Street Trust Ordinance 2005 Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the *Darling Street Trust Ordinance 2005*.

Bulli Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Bulli Trust.

Bulli Land Sale Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the sale of certain land at 488-490 Princes Highway, Woonona NSW 2517.

Elections

Diocesan Retirements Board

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Clergy

The Rev Neil Atwood
The Rev Scott Blackwell
The Rev Robert Denham
The Rev Dr Ken Simpson
The Rev Raymond Vassallo

Lay

Dr Katherine Bruce
Dr Trevor Hunter
Mr Andrew Mclachlan
Mr Edgars Ozols

Stipends and Allowances Committee

Standing Committee agreed to amend the size and composition of the membership of the Stipends and Allowances Committee.

Membership of the Standing Committee minister elected by the Regional Electors of the Georges River Region

Standing Committee noted a report to the President of the Synod.

Appointment of St Andrew's House Corporation as trustee of St Andrew's House Trust

Standing Committee noted the resignation of Glebe Administration Board as trustee of the St Andrew's House Trust and, under section 14 of the *Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917* –

- (a) declared the existence of a vacancy in the office of trustee of the St Andrew's House Trust (the "Trust") as Glebe Administration Board ("GAB") has resigned as trustee, and
- (b) elected St Andrew's House Corporation as the trustee of the Trust in the place of GAB.

Anglican Aid, The Archbishop's

The Rev John Menear was elected.

Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed that –

- (a) an election to fill vacancies in the office of diocesan representatives on the NSWCC under the current constitution not be conducted at the Synod session in October 2015, and
- (b) any diocesan representatives on the NSWCC under the current constitution cease holding office upon the earlier of the new constitution coming into effect and the expiry of their term of office under the current constitution, and
- (c) diocesan representatives may be elected by the Standing Committee upon the new constitution coming into effect however such representatives will initially hold office only until the next ordinary session of the Synod.

Diocesan Doctrine Commission

Standing Committee received a letter.

New College Limited

Standing Committee deferred filling this vacancy for a further period of 6 months to give the New College Board an opportunity to consider a restructure that would reduce the number of board members.

Trinity Grammar School, Council of

The Rev Justin Moffatt was elected.

Abbotsleigh, The Council of

This matter was deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Stipends and Allowances Committee – Mr Malcolm Boyd had resigned.
- (b) Professional Standards Committee – The Rev Michael Kellahan had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person who has been a member of the clergy for not less than 10 years.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions of the Finance Committee under delegated authority.

Recommended minimum stipend for 2016

Standing Committee noted a report from the Stipends and Allowances Committee.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

19/14 Providing pastoral care to people attracted to others of the same sex

Standing Committee received a report from the Secretary of the Social Issues Committee and appointed a committee to address the request in resolution 19/14.

Printing of reports for Synod

Standing Committee approved of the printing of reports about the following matters for the Synod –

Georges River Regional Council: Annual Report

Wollongong Regional Council: Annual Report

Other matters

Date of next meeting

Monday 27 July 2015.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 27 July 2015

Following a reading of Psalm 20, Mrs Lis Boyce and Mr Grant Millard led in prayer.

Welcome to Bishop Peter Lin and the Rev Matthew Yeo

Standing Committee welcomed with acclamation to the meeting –

- (a) Bishop Peter Lin as the new Bishop of the Georges River Region, and
 - (b) the Rev Matthew Yeo as a member elected by the Georges River Regional Electors,
- and looked forward to their contribution to our meetings.

Minutes of 22 June 2015

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 22 June 2015.

Ordinances

Moore Theological College (But-Har-Gra) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts of certain land held by the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney.

Parish Administration (Registers) Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to make provision for the management and control of church and congregation registers and records.

Cost Recoveries Framework Ordinance 2008 Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide that money received from the national long service leave fund does not form part of gross operating receipts and to exclude from net operating receipts certain rental income to the extent a parish provides a housing allowance to its minister and/or any assistant minister.

Dural District Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Dural District Trust.

Glenhaven Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Glenhaven Trust.

Glenhaven Mortgaging Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at Glenhaven and for purposes incidental thereto.

Elections

Stipends and Allowances Committee

The following persons were elected –

Standing Committee members

Mr James W Flavin
Miss Jenny Flower
Mr Jeremy Freeman

Non Standing Committee members

The Rev Richard J Blight
The Rev Dane H Courtney
Mrs Nicole Gupta (clergy spouse)
Mrs Stephanie S H Jefferson
Mr Darren C Mitchell
Mr Paul Willis

Abbotsleigh, The Council of

Mrs Jacqui Cochrane was elected.

Diocesan Retirements Board

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that Dr Sylvia Tong be appointed to the Diocesan Retirements Board.

Professional Standards Committee

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that the Rev Bruce Stanley, being a member of the clergy for not less than 10 years, be appointed as a member of the Professional Standards Committee under clause 116 of the *Discipline Ordinance 2006*.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool – Canon Warwick de Jersey had ceased to hold a qualification necessary for election to this position and a vacancy was declared for a member of clergy who is an incumbent.
- (b) Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool – Mr Doug Marr had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (c) Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of – Mr David Cannings and Mr John S Wenden had resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 employer representatives.
Following a declaration of urgency to fill one of these vacancies, Mr Cam Capel was elected.
- (d) Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited, Board of – Mrs Beverley Deahm had resigned and vacancy was declared for a Director.
- (e) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples Ministry Committee – Mr Thomas Mayne had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a non-Indigenous person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board**Minutes**

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

Half-yearly review of Sydney Diocesan Secretariat's services to the Synod and Standing Committee

Standing Committee noted that the Service Review Committee considered that SDS had satisfactorily provided services to the Synod and the Standing Committee under the current Service Level Standards for the period between November 2014 and April 2015.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted actions of the Finance Committee under delegated authority.

Parish financial statements

Standing Committee noted that –

- (a) each of the Regional Bishops or their assistants have been provided with several updates of the names of parishes in their region that are yet to submit audited financial statements for 2014, and
- (b) 13 parishes had not submitted financial statements as at 16 July 2015.

Endowment of the See Committee internal management financial information

Standing Committee noted the internal management financial information produced for the Endowment of the See Committee.

Bequest for aged care

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to direct the bequest of \$20,000 toward Anglicare's "Chesalon Mission Development Fund".

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Notice of appointment of members of the 50th Synod under Part 7 of the Synod *Membership Ordinance 1995*

Standing Committee noted –

- (a) the Rev Ross Ciano ceased being a nominated minister under Part 7 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* upon becoming the Rector of Marrickville on 7 December 2014,
- (b) Bishop Peter Tasker resigned as a nominated minister under Part 7 on 23 June 2015, and
- (c) the Archbishop has appointed Bishop Peter Lin and the Rev Gary O'Brien as members of the 50th Synod under Part 7.

Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2015 Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2015

Receipt of Appropriations bill and explanatory report

Standing Committee received –

- (a) bills for the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2015 and the Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2015, and
- (b) Explanatory Report and worksheets.

Receipt of PSU report

Standing Committee received a report regarding the PSU from the Director of Professional Standards and the Chairman of the Safe Ministry Board.

7/14 Doctrine Commission report on fellowship meals for the proclamation of the Lord's death

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a report for the Synod.

16/14 Yoga and other such activities

Standing Committee approved the printing of a report for, and requested that a motion be moved at, the Synod.

Authorisation of Lay Ministry Ordinance 2015

Standing Committee requested that the bill for the *Authorisation of Lay Ministry Ordinance 2015* be promoted to the Synod.

Proposal to reclassify Liverpool South as a parish

Standing Committee requested that a motion by which the Synod may assent to the reclassification be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Printing of reports for Synod

Standing Committee received the following report from the Diocesan Secretary –

‘The annual and audited financial reports for the Glebe Administration Board (“GAB”) and the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat (“SDS”) are available on SDS’s website www.sds.asn.au. In view of the on-line availability of these reports (and consistent with the stated desire of the Synod to reduce the amount of printed material used for Synod sessions) the practice of not printing these reports in the Synod Book this year will be continued. As in recent years, there will however be a suitable reference in the Synod Book to their availability on-line.’

Standing Committee also approved of the printing of reports about the following matters for Synod –

Northern Regional Council: Annual Report
Parish Funds – Amalgamated Accounts
Synod Funds – Amalgamated Accounts
Western Sydney Regional Council: Annual Report
South Sydney Regional Council: Annual Report

Other Matters

Meeting dates for 2016

Standing Committee agreed to the following meeting dates for 2016 –

15 February	25 July
21 March	22 August
2 May	19 September
30 May	14 November
27 June	5 December

noting that the 3rd ordinary session of the 50th Synod is to be held on 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18 October 2016.

Date of next meeting

Monday 24 August 2015.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 24 August 2015

Following a reading of Psalm 21, the Rev Raj Gupta and Mr James Flavin led in prayer.

Appointment of the next Bishop of South Sydney

The Archbishop made a statement regarding his intention to appoint the Rev Dr Michael Stead as the next Bishop of South Sydney.

Standing Committee approved of the appointment of the Rev Dr Michael Stead as an Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Sydney with the title of Bishop of South Sydney.

Minutes of 27 July 2015

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 27 July 2015.

Appointment of the Rev Philip Wheeler as the next Director of Evangelism and New Churches

Standing Committee congratulated the Rev Philip Wheeler on his appointment as Director of Evangelism and New Churches.

Death of the Rev Stuart Abrahams

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death on 20 August 2015 of the Rev Stuart Noel Abrahams AM.

Ordinances

Glenmore Park Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Glenmore Park Trust.

Mulgoa Land Sale Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the sale of certain land at Silverdale.

Rooty Hill Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Rooty Hill Trust.

Rooty Hill Mortgaging Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at Rooty Hill and for purposes incidental thereto.

Dapto Mortgaging Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the mortgaging of certain land within the Parish of Dapto, the application of the proceeds of such mortgage and for purposes incidental thereto.

Elections

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited, Board of Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

These vacancies were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Strategic Research Group – The Rev Archie Poulos had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Glebe Administration Board had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions of the Finance Committee under delegated authority.

Request for financial information concerning Diocesan Schools

Standing Committee received a report.

Guidelines for Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2016

Standing Committee received and approved the form of the *Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2016*.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Standing Committee's report to the Synod for 2015

Standing Committee approved the printing of the Standing Committee's report to the Synod.

Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2015 Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2015

Standing Committee requested that the bills for the *Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2015* and the *Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisition Levy Ordinance 2015* be promoted to the Synod.

Large Property Receipts Policy

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the Synod.

Anglican Schools Ministry Ordinance 2015

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the *Anglican Schools Ministry Ordinance 2015* be promoted to the Synod, and
- (b) requested the Diocesan Secretary to send copies of the report and the bill to Heads, Chairs and Chaplains of all Anglican Schools, noting its application to Diocesan Schools but its relevance to non-Diocesan Schools.

Parental leave for parish clergy

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report for the *Parental Leave Ordinance 2015*, and
- (b) requested that a motion be moved at the Synod.

35/09 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

Standing Committee approved the printing of a report for the Synod.

40/10 Implementation of the Grievance Policy and Procedure

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

31/14 Retention of marriage licence and same-sex marriage

Standing Committee received a report.

47/14 Report of the Viability and Structures Task Force

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a memorandum from Bishop Andrew Curnow, and
- (a) approved of a response to the memorandum.

General Synod - Constitution Amendment (Diocesan Council) Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2015

Standing Committee request that a bill for the *General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Diocesan Council) Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2015* be promoted to the Synod.

Special Religious Education

Standing Committee recommended a motion to be moved at the Synod.

Safe Ministry Board and Professional Standards Unit – Annual Report to Synod

Standing Committee approved the printing of a report for the Synod.

Royal Commission Steering Committee

Standing Committee approved the printing of a report for the Synod.

Property Trust Annual Report

Standing Committee received a report and noted that it will be tabled at the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Mission Property Committee

Standing Committee approved the printing of a report for the Synod.

Printing of reports for Synod

Standing Committee approved the printing of reports about the following matters for the Synod –
Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee
Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2016

Notice of appointment of a member of the 50th Synod under Part 7 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995*

Standing Committee noted –

- (a) the Rev Allison Muscat resigned as a nominated minister under Part 7 on 21 August 2015, and
- (b) the Archbishop has appointed the Rev Kate Haggart as a member of the 50th Synod under Part 7.

Other Matters

Date of next meeting

Monday 14 September 2015.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 14 September 2015

Following a reading of Psalm 22, Mr Peter Evans and the Rev Justin Moffatt led in prayer.

Minutes of 24 August 2015

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 24 August 2015.

Ordinances

Glebe Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Glebe Trust.

Campsie Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Campsie Trust.

Lithgow Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Lithgow Trust.

Lithgow Boundary Adjustment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorise a boundary adjustment of certain land.

Miranda Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Miranda Trust.

Miranda Land Sale Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the sale of certain land at Miranda.

Elections

St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of

Standing Committee, noting that the Archbishop had recommended the name of Mr Doug Marr as a person suitable to be appointed as a See Nominee on the Council of St Andrew's House Corporation, appointed Mr Marr as a See Nominee on the Council.

Strategic Research Group

The Rev Andrew Robson was elected.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee approved of the Archbishop appointing Mr Philip Miles as a member of the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Work Outside the Diocese Committee

The Rev Caitlin Hurley was elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited, Board of

Vacancy for a Director as declared 27 July 2015 – deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee – Mrs Jeanette Thambyrajah had resigned and vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation – Mr Bill Shields had resigned effective from 29 September 2015 and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Review of the Ethical Investment Policy

Standing Committee received a report and approved of the printing of a suitable form of the report from the GAB to Synod.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions of the Finance Committee under delegated authority.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Synod business paper for Monday 12 October 2015

Standing Committee approved the business paper for the meeting of the Synod on Monday 12 October 2015.

Freedom Sunday 18 October 2015

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at Synod.

Affirmation of marriage as between a man and a woman

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at Synod.

31/14 Retention of marriage licences and same-sex marriage

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at Synod.

40/10 Implementation of the Grievance Policy and Procedure

Standing Committee requested that the *Diocesan policy for dealing with allegations of unacceptable behaviour* be promoted to the Synod and approved of the printing of a suitable form of a report for the Synod.

33/14 Ministry progress and brownfields' grants

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod and approved of the printing of a suitable form of a report for the Synod.

Study into effective church planting

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted the *Study into Effective Church Planting in the Anglican Diocese of Sydney* commissioned by the Strategic Research Group,
- (b) requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of Synod, and
- (c) approved the distribution of the church planting study to Synod members for the forthcoming session of Synod.

Retirements Ordinance 1993 Amendment Ordinance 2015

Standing Committee requested that a bill for the *Retirements Ordinance 1993 Amendment Ordinance 2015* be promoted to the Synod.

Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2015

Standing Committee requested that a bill for the *Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2015* be promoted to the Synod.

35/09 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of Synod.

Proposal to reclassify Glenmore Park as a parish

Standing Committee requested that a motion by which the Synod may assent to the reclassification be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Archbishop's Christmas grant distributions

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that up to \$33,000 be applied from the Grant (Sisters) Endowment Fund for distribution at the discretion of the Archbishop for the purpose of Christmas grants.

Other Matters

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee noted a progress report.

Date of next meeting

Monday 16 November 2015.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 16 November 2015

Following a reading of Psalm 23, the Rev Nigel Fortescue and Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo opened the meeting in prayer.

Dr Neil Cameron

Standing Committee congratulated Dr Neil Cameron on being awarded a PhD from Macquarie University, his thesis being "Music of the Anglican Cathedral and selected Anglican Parish Churches of the Diocese of Sydney 1869-1940".

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 14 September 2015.

New CEO for Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation

Standing Committee noted the announcement from the Chair of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation regarding the appointment of a new CEO.

Ordinances

South Creek Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the sale of certain land at Rossmore, vary the trusts of that land, and to amend the *South Creek Trust Ordinance 2003*.

Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney Constitution Ordinance 1961 Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the *Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney Constitution Ordinance 1961*.

Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Ordinance 1947 (Change of Name and Other) Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to change the name of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation and to otherwise amend the *Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Ordinance 1947*.

Synod Fund (Diocesan Research) Application Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the application of funds towards the costs and expenses of a diocesan research officer.

General Synod – Long Service Leave (Revision of Entitlement) Canon 2015 Assenting Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to assent to a bill for a canon pursuant to section 28A of the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia to amend the *Long Service Leave Canon 2010*.

General Synod – New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ratification Canon 2015 Assenting Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to assent to a bill for a canon pursuant to section 28A of the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia to ratify amendments to the Constitution of the Province of New South Wales.

Eastgardens Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Eastgardens Trust.

Local Revenues Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the *Parishes Ordinance 1979* and the *Nomination Ordinance 2006* with respect to the definition of “local revenues”.

Elections

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited, Board of

Dr John Goddard was elected.

Diocesan Conciliators, Pool of

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to extend its approval of the current pool of diocesan conciliators until 31 December 2015.

Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation

The Rev Kerrie Newmarch was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Mr Mark Ballantyne, the Rev Ted Brush and the Rev Dr Michael Stead were elected.

NSW Council of Churches

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

**Abbotsleigh, The Council of
Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel
Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples’ Ministry Committee
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Anglican Media Council – Bishop Robert Forsyth had resigned with effect from 17 November 2015 and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel – Bishop Robert Forsyth had resigned with effect from 7 December 2015 and the Standing Committee declared a vacancy for a member.
- (c) Ordinance Reform Group – Bishop Robert Forsyth had resigned with effect from 7 December 2015 and the Standing Committee declared a vacancy for a member.

- (d) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation – Mr John Hibberd had resigned with effect from 30 November 2015 and vacancy was declared for a person.
- (e) Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney – Mr Richard Grellman had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (f) Arden Anglican School Council – Mr Ian Burrows had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

Provision of support to Freedom 4 Faith

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions of the Finance Committee under delegated authority.

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report

Standing Committee received reports from the Mission Property Committee.

Synod

Synod minutes of 20 October 2015

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that 2 members of the Minute Reading Committee have signed the minutes, and
- (b) recommended that the Archbishop also sign them.

Summary of Proceedings of the 2015 Synod Proceedings

Standing Committee noted the summary of the Synod Proceedings had been published on the Synod's home page at www.sds.asn.au.

Synod attendances

Standing Committee noted statistics for Synod attendances.

General communication of Synod decisions

Standing Committee noted that the Diocesan Secretary had sent a circular to parishes on matters arising from the Synod session, including a copy of the resolutions passed and highlighting the matters of particular interest.

Diocesan response to Syrian refugee crisis

Standing Committee approved of the circulation of a summary of responses from Synod members regarding the Syrian refugee crisis to parishes and Synod members.

Resolutions of the Synod

Standing Committee noted a report and the action taken or proposed to be taken in relation to each resolution made by the Synod at its recent session.

Review of the membership of the Synod and Standing Committee

Standing Committee agreed to constitute a committee to report to the Standing Committee with any further amendments the committee considers should be made to the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* and the *Standing Committee Ordinance 1897*.

Notice of appointment of members of the 50th Synod under Part 7 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee received a report from the Registrar.

33/13 Domestic violence and educating clergy

Standing Committee received a report from the Chair of the Domestic Violence Task Force and appointed the Rev Catherine Wynn-Jones as an additional member of the Domestic Violence Task Force.

9/15 Licensing of incumbents

Standing Committee noted Synod resolution 9/15 and requested that Bishop Peter Hayward, the Rev Philip Wheeler, the Rev Gavin Poole, the Rev Andrew Bruce and Dr Robert Tong bring a report to a future meeting of the Standing Committee addressing the matters in resolution 9/15.

15/15 Incorporation of dioceses

Standing Committee noted Synod resolution 15/15 and requested that the Property Trust and the Royal Commission Steering Committee undertake the review requested in resolution 15/15 and provide their advice to a future meeting.

22/15 Proposal for a Property Receipts Levy

Standing Committee –

- (a) thanked Bishop Robert Forsyth for his contribution to the work of the Large Property Receipts (LPRP) Committee and noted with regret his impending retirement,
- (b) noted the direction of the Synod to bring a proposal for a levy on parish income to a future meeting of the Synod,
- (c) constituted a committee to –
 - (i) formulate a proposal for a levy on parish income,
 - (ii) consult with parishes, and
 - (iii) prepare for Standing Committee's consideration a report for a future meeting of the Synod.

28/15 Ministry in socially disadvantaged areas

Standing Committee noted Synod resolution 28/15 and appointed a committee to bring a report to a future meeting of the Standing Committee addressing the matters in resolution 28/15.

41/15 Parental leave for parish clergy

Standing Committee noted Synod resolution 41/15 and reconstituted the committee established in May 2015 to prepare for Standing Committee's consideration a proposal for parental leave for parish clergy taking into account any feedback received from Synod members.

42/15 Ministry progress and brownfields' grants

Standing Committee noted Synod resolution 42/15 and constituted a committee to undertake the work requested in resolution 42/15 and report to a future meeting of the Standing Committee.

50/15 Professional Pastoral Supervision for Clergy and Stipendiary Lay Ministers

Standing Committee noted Synod resolution 50/15 and requested a report from the Pastoral Supervision Working Group about the matters raised by resolution 50/15.

51/15 Career Transition Management for Clergy and Stipendiary Lay Ministers

Standing Committee noted Synod resolution 51/15 and referred this matter to the Archbishop, Regional Bishops and Archdeacon for Women's Ministry for their advice.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Parish of Kingsford

The Archbishop-in-Council determined that the parish of Kingsford should not have the benefits under the *Nomination Ordinance 2006*.

Other Matters

Special Religious Education

Standing Committee received reports from the Archbishop's SRE Task Force and Anglican EdComm and a letter from Generate Ministries.

Professional Standards Unit Oversight Committee

Standing Committee established a sub-committee of the Standing Committee to be called the Professional Standards Unit Oversight Committee.

Standing Committee meeting place

Standing Committee appointed a committee to consider and report to Standing Committee about the facilities needed and medium and long term location options for meetings of Standing Committee and how this space could be used for other purposes of the Diocese.

Date of next meeting

Monday 7 December 2015.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 7 December 2015

Following a reading of Psalm 24, the Archbishop opened the meeting in prayer.

Prioritisation of Standing Committee's outstanding matters

Standing Committee agreed to a priority classification for matters under continuing consideration of the Standing Committee.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 16 November 2015.

Final meeting for Bishop Robert Forsyth

Standing Committee noted Bishop Robert Forsyth will be retiring on 31 December 2015 and that this was his last meeting as a member, concluding 25 continuous years of service.

Election of the Venerable Dr Richard Condie as the Twelfth Bishop of Tasmania

Standing Committee congratulated the Venerable Dr Richard Condie on his election as the twelfth Bishop of Tasmania.

Bishop Michael Stead

Standing Committee congratulated Bishop Michael Stead on his consecration as a bishop on 5 December 2015 and extends its prayers and best wishes to Michael and Felicity as he commences as the Bishop of South Sydney on 18 January 2016.

Ordinances

St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Ordinance 1962.

Church Hill Leasing Ordinance 2011 Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the *Church Hill Leasing Ordinance 2011* with respect to the application of lease income under that ordinance in the period 2016 to 2020.

Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995.

Helensburgh and Stanwell Park Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Helensburgh and Stanwell Park Trust.

Kingsford (Special Arrangements) Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to specify certain administrative arrangements in respect to Holy Trinity, Kingsford.

Leichhardt Trust Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Leichhardt Trust.

Strathfield and Homebush Land Sale Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the sale of certain land at Homebush West and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2015 Amendment Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2015.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Fund Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2015

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain funds held under the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Ordinance 2002.

Elections

Resignation of the Rev Rick Smith as a member of the Standing Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary indicating that the earliest practical time to send a notice of election to fill the vacancy would be Friday 15 January 2016.

Anglican Schools Corporation

Mr Martyn Mitchell was elected.

Arden Anglican School Council

Mrs Penelope Thompson was elected.

Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel

Bishop Michael Stead was elected.

New College Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

NSW Council of Churches

The Rev Marshall Ballantine-Jones was elected.

Ordinance Reform Group

Bishop Michael Stead was elected.

**Abbotsleigh, The Council of
Anglican Media Council
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Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel
Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Standing Committee, minister elected by the whole Synod – Bishop Michael Stead becomes a member of the Standing Committee ex officio upon his commencement as a Regional Bishop on 18 January 2016 and a vacancy was declared for a qualified minister.
- (b) General Synod, Diocesan Representative on – The Rev Dr Peter Bolt and Ms Leanne Slade had resigned and vacancies were declared for a member of the clergy and a lay person.
- (c) Social Issues Committee – Canon Sandy Grant had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a Standing Committee member.
- (d) Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool – the Rev Philip Wheeler had resigned effective from 31 January 2016 and a vacancy was declared for a member of clergy being an incumbent.
- (e) New College Limited, Board of – Mr Malcolm Boyd had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (f) SCEGGS Darlinghurst – The Rev Ross Weaver had resigned with effect from 31 December 2015 and a vacancy was declared for a person to be appointed by the Secretariat on the recommendation of the Standing Committee.
- (g) Safe Ministry Board – Ms Kylie Williams had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a woman who is not a licensed minister.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes of the Glebe Administration Board

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Glebe Administration Board had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Diocesan Endowment – Investment Performance September 2015

Standing Committee received a report.

Services provided by the Secretariat to the Synod and Standing Committee

Standing Committee –

- (a) confirmed that SDS has satisfactorily provided services to the Synod and the Standing Committee under the current Service Level Standards document for the period between November 2014 and October 2015, and
- (b) agreed to the revised form of Service Level Standards document for the Synod and Standing Committee for services provided by SDS during 2016.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions of the Finance Committee under delegated powers and agreed to amend its delegated authority.

Concord West – request for application of parish trust funds

Standing Committee directed that the funds held in trust for the parish may be applied to meet the cost of a range of property improvement projects on the Holy Trinity church site.

Clergy Assistance Program

Addition to PCR

Standing Committee approved an additional amount of \$133 per minister being added to the Stipend Continuance Insurance component of the ministry costs recovered from all parishes in 2016 as a contribution to the expected cost of a Clergy Assistance Program.

Enacting the Program

Standing Committee requested that SDS, in consultation with the Archbishop and Regional Bishops put in place arrangements to make professional counselling available to clergy licensed in the Diocese as a first step in establishing a Clergy Assistance Program.

National Church Life Survey 2016

Standing Committee authorised an allocation from Synod Fund Contingencies in order to commission additional questions in the 2016 NCLS.

No. 1 York Street, Sydney – Annual Income Beneficiaries Report

Standing Committee received a report.

Mission Property Committee report

Standing Committee received a report from the Mission Property Committee.

Finance and Loans Board update

Standing Committee received a report.

Synod

33/15 Recognition, encouragement and support of faithful Anglicans

Standing Committee noted an email from the Registrar of the Diocese of Gippsland to all Bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia.

35/15 Review of Regional Councils

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) requested Regional Councils and Synod members to make submissions to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2016 about the purpose and effectiveness of Regional Councils, together with any recommendations for change, and

- (b) requested the Diocesan Secretary, in consultation with the Archbishop, to bring to a future meeting of the Standing Committee a suitable form of any submissions and recommendations received.

49/15 Anglican Schools Ministry Ordinance 2015

Standing Committee received a report and authorised that a covering letter, a suitable form of the report, the bill and the remaining amendments be sent to the Heads, Chairs and Chaplains of Anglican Schools for comment by 31 March 2016.

Other Matters

New Constitution of the New South Wales Council of Churches

Standing Committee received a report.

17th session of the General Synod in 2017

Standing Committee noted –

- (a) that the General Synod Standing Committee has decided that the 17th session of the General Synod will be held at the Novatel Twin Water Resort, Maroochydore, Queensland on 3 – 8 September 2017, and
- (b) that Sydney diocesan representatives on the General Synod have been advised of these arrangements.

Prayer Roster for 2016

Standing Committee noted a roster and requests that members swap with other members if they are unable to pray on the assigned date and advise the Diocesan Secretary of any changes.

Date of next meeting

Monday 15 February 2016.