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Circular to the Members of the 45th Synod

Re: 2nd Session of the 45th Synod

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Mark Payne, the Diocesan Secretary, is pleased to answer any questions about this session of the Synod.

Please bring this with you for use at Synod.

This circular has information that members of Synod need to know. Items 2.11 (notices for motions) and 3.3 (closing date for nominations) refer to deadlines to be observed.

1. Archbishop's Summons to Synod

Summons to the 2nd Session of the 45th Synod

Under the Article 1(2) of the Schedule to the Anglican Church of Australia Constitutions Act 1902, I hereby summon you to the Synod to be held in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney at 3.00 pm or 30 minutes after the opening service, whichever is the later, on Monday 9 October 2000.

The opening service of Holy Communion will be held in the Cathedral at 1.15 pm that day and I hope that as many members as possible will attend the service. Bishop Reg Piper will preach the sermon.

(THE MOST REV) R H GOODHEW
Archbishop of Sydney

2. Arrangements and Likely Business

Meeting Places and Dates

- 2.1 The days of meeting are 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17 October 2000 at the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney with afternoon and evening sittings each of these 5 days.

Synod Mailings

- 2.2 This is the first mailing to members for this session. The second mailing will be about 12 September and will contain the Standing Committee's Report, the draft legislation, other reports, the Notice of Contested Elections and the Business Paper for 9 October.

Declarations by Lay Members - Certificates of Election

- 2.3 Before taking part in debate or voting on any matter, the lay members of a Synod must sign a declaration that they are communicant members of the Anglican Church of Australia and not members of any other church. ***You do not have to make another declaration if you made your declaration at the 1st session of the 45th Synod in October 1999 or at the special session of the Synod held in May 2000.***
- 2.4 Members may make the declaration at the 2nd floor reception desk at St Andrew's House during office hours, or in the Wesley Theatre during the session. For lay representatives of parochial units, notice of election must have been given to the Registrar in accordance with clause 17 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 before the declaration is made.

Synod Procedures, Acts & Ordinances Book and Diocesan Year Book

- 2.5 The *Acts & Ordinances* book has the Acts of Parliament by which the Anglican Church of Australia is constituted in New South Wales, the principal ordinances of the Sydney Synod (including the Standing Orders). A copy of *Acts & Ordinances* can be obtained from the Diocesan Secretary upon request. In addition, the latest versions of the principal ordinances can be accessed on the Synod's website at www.sydney.anglican.asn.au/synod/ords/index.htm.
- 2.6 Useful information about the Synod and the Diocese can be accessed on the Synod's website at www.sydney.anglican.asn.au/synod/handbook/index.htm.
- 2.7 There are 2 "orders" or "houses" in the Synod - the clergy and the laity and there is provision for votes to be taken by "orders", if required. It helps in identification during debates and the counting of votes if the clergy wear their clerical collars.
- 2.8 Earlier this year, copies of the 2000 Diocesan Year Book, which has summaries of the proceedings of the 1999 Synod session and a reprint of the Standing Committee's Report etc, were posted to parishes for Synod members. You can also read the summaries on the Synod's website at www.sydney.anglican.asn.au/synod/synod/index.htm.

Membership of the Synod

- 2.9 The "life" of a Synod is about 3 years. A list of members will be tabled in the Synod on 9 October.

Accommodation During Synod

- 2.10 Each year a few “country” members of Synod require accommodation in Sydney during Synod. If you require or could provide accommodation, please contact Mrs Lesley Hicks, 13 Range Street, Chatswood 2067 (telephone (02) 9419 7523). Thank you to those who provide accommodation year by year and to Lesley Hicks for being the coordinator.

Notices of Motions for the Session

- 2.11 Notices of motions to be included on the business paper for the first day of the session must be in writing and received by the Standing Committee (address letters to the Diocesan Secretary) **by 9 September 2000**. A member of Synod may give up to 2 notices of motions in this manner.
- 2.12 Any member of Synod may give notice of a further motion or motions at the start of business on the first 3 days of the session.

Guidelines for the Moving of Motions

- 2.13 Standing Orders 28 to 48 contain the general rules of debate in the Synod. The various stages for the consideration of ordinances and rules are described on the Synod’s website at www.sydney.anglican.asn.au/synod/handbook/synodprocedure.htm. Most business is transacted through motions and amendments.
- 2.14 The subject matter of a motion must relate to the order and good government of the Church within this Diocese, or the declaration of views on matters affecting the Anglican Church of Australia or affecting the spiritual, moral or social welfare of this Church, otherwise it may be out of order.
- 2.15 A notice of a motion should be brief and to the point, it should not contain argument, it should not have a long preamble or be written as a speech, and it should not contain material which is unbecoming or defamatory.
- 2.16 If in doubt about the form of a motion, try and find a precedent from the resolutions of the previous session (in the 2000 Year Book) or ask the Diocesan Secretary, a Regional Bishop, an Archdeacon, the Chairman of Committees or someone else who has experience of the business of Synod. But these things need thought, so do not leave it until the last minute when it will be too late to do anything.
- 2.17 The President has power to direct the Secretaries to correct a notice of motion which is irregular and the Synod has power to prevent motions from being considered (see Standing Orders 32 and 45).

Likely Reports and Ordinances for the Session

- 2.18 Reports and audited accounts from approximately 60 committees etc will be tabled during the session.
- 2.19 Proposed ordinances include -

Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2000

This bill seeks to require that Synod bodies plan ahead. The bill is at the 2nd reading stage.

Assessment and Charges Ordinance 1975 Amendment Ordinance 2000

This bill seeks to clarify that moneys received by or on behalf of the churchwardens of a parochial unit that are "parishioner-designated" donations to either Anglican or non-Anglican Christian organisations are allowable deductions from gross receipts of the parochial unit for assessment purposes. The bill is at the 2nd reading stage.

Assistant Ministers Ordinance 1990 Amendment Ordinance 2000

This bill is recommended by the committee which reviewed the Assistant Ministers Ordinance 1990. Among other things, it seeks to provide for greater security of appointment for senior assistant ministers. The bill is at the 2nd reading stage.

Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 Amendment Ordinance 2000

This bill is to amend the Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 which provides a means for disciplining persons who fail to meet the standards of behaviour expected of ministers and persons holding positions in the church. The bill is at the 2nd reading stage.

Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000

This bill seeks to rewrite the Standing Orders which regulate the conduct of the business of a Synod session. The bill is at the committee stage.

General Synod - Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Ordinance 2000

This bill seeks to adopt the General Synod - Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995. The bill is at the 2nd reading stage.

General Synod - The Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2000

This bill is being promoted by 6 members of the Synod to authorise the ordination of women to the priesthood. The bill will seek to prevent a woman who is so ordained from being appointed as a minister of a parochial unit.

Incapacity Ordinance 2000

Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2000

These 2 bills arise from the report of the Select Committee on Clerical Tenure. They are at the 2nd reading stage.

Ministry Ordinance 2000

This bill seeks to change the rules on who may participate in the conduct of services, to allow for lay presidency, and to allow for women ordained as priests elsewhere to officiate in our Diocese. The bill is at the 2nd reading stage.

Parish Development Ordinance 2000

Parish Development (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2000

Parish Relationships Ordinance 2000

These bills are recommended by the Synod Committee on Clerical Tenure which reported to the Synod last year. The first 2 bills are at the 2nd reading stage. The 3rd bill, the Parish Relationships Ordinance 2000, is to be introduced.

Retirements Ordinance 1993 Amendment Ordinance 2000

This is a new bill which seeks to amend the Retirements Ordinance 1993 to increase the retirement age of the Archbishop to 70 years.

Regional Councils Ordinance 2000

This bill is to clearly express the methods for the election of members of a regional council and to allow a regional council to appoint up to 2 additional members. The bill is at the 2nd reading stage.

Synod Elections Ordinance 2000

This is a new bill to provide new rules for conducting elections by Synod members.

Synod 2001 (Amendment of Procedure) Ordinance 2000

This is a new bill to make amendments to the Standing Orders to facilitate the weekend meetings of the Synod in 2001.

Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2000

This bill seeks to allow for the appointments of alternates to attend Synod in the place of ministers and parish lay representatives. The bill is at the 2nd reading stage.

2.20 Detailed information on the bills will be provided in the second Synod mailing.

3. Notice of Elections for this Synod Session

- 3.1 The elections required by ordinance, rule or resolution of Synod for the Synod session called for October 2000 are set out in the Schedule. In this Schedule, an asterisk (*) means a retiring member has consented to nomination, a cross (+) means the retiring member is unavailable, and the absence of either character means consent must be obtained before the member is nominated.
- 3.2 The organisations are listed in the order of the 2000 Year Book commencing at page 45 and the names of retiring members are shown with their attendances in the year to 30 June 2000.
- 3.3 Nominations must be in or to the effect of the form set out in item 5 of this circular, addressed to: "The Secretaries of Synod, PO Box Q190 QVB Post Office NSW 1230" and endorsed "Nominations", ***the closing date being Monday 28 August 2000 at 4.00 pm***. Further supplies of nomination forms are available at the reception desk, second floor, St Andrew's House. Nominations may be transmitted by facsimile to (02) 9261 4485 but should be confirmed in writing. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure that the facsimile is received.
- 3.4 A separate nomination form must be used for each person nominated for each committee. Clauses 7 and 8 of the Elections Ordinance 1970 provide -
- "7. ... Each nomination shall declare the name, address and designation of the person nominated and shall declare the position for each such nomination made. An error in an address or designation shall not of itself invalidate a nomination.
8. *Every nomination so made shall be signed by the proposer and seconder being members of Synod one of whom shall certify that the person nominated has consented to nomination.*"
- 3.5 Remember that the certificate of consent is not required where the nominee is a retiring member whose willingness to stand for re-election is indicated with an asterisk (*).
- 3.6 A general age limit of 72 years applies to service on a committee etc established by the Synod.

4. Schedule of Elections Required

		Attendances at Meetings Year to 30 June 2000		
		Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
1.	ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL CHAPTER (Ordinance 1969)			
	6 lay canons to be elected for 6 years			
	* Mr N.M. Cameron	7	4	2
	* Mr J. Davis	7	6	-
	* Mr R. Dredge (ex Mr G.B.V. King resigned Jan 1999)	3	3	-
	* Mr D.H. Edwards	7	6	1
	+ Mr P.H. Wilkins	7	5	2
	* Dr L.A. Scandrett	7	3	3
	1 lay canon to be elected for 2 years			
	* Dr R. Shatford (ex Mr P.D. Davis resigned October 1999)	7	6	1
2.	ABBOTSLEIGH, THE COUNCIL OF (Ordinance 1924)			
	1 clergyman to be elected for 4 years			
	+ The Rev B.J. Bevis	11	8	3
	2 laywomen to be elected for 4 years			
	* Mrs E. Neal	11	11	-
	* Mrs W. Tong	11	11	-
	2 laymen to be elected for 4 years			
	* Mr P. Bradhurst	11	8	-
	Vacancy (ex Mr J. Graham retired December 1999)	-	-	-
3.	ANGLICAN CHURCH PROPERTY TRUST DIOCESE OF SYDNEY (Ordinance 1965)			
	1 person to be elected for 6 years			
	* Mr G.N. Evans	11	9	2
4.	SYDNEY ANGLICAN HOME MISSION SOCIETY COUNCIL (ANGLICARE) (Ordinance 1981)			
	3 persons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Ms R. Hobbs	10	8	-
	* Dr M.D. Horsburgh	6	6	-
	* The Rev D.L. Willis	10	9	-
5.	ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES DIOCESE OF SYDNEY (Ordinance 1961)			
	1 person to be elected for 2 years			
	* Mr P. Driscoll	3	3	-

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	Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
6. ANGLICAN YOUTH AND EDUCATION DIVISION DIOCESE OF SYDNEY (Ordinance 1919)			
1 member of the clergy to be elected for 3 years			
* The Rev S. Gibson	9	6	-
1 layperson to be elected for 3 years			
* Mrs K. Collier	9	4	2
7. ARDEN ANGLICAN SCHOOL COUNCIL (Ordinance 1962)			
4 persons to be elected for 3 years, at least 1 of whom is to be a clergyman			
* Mr K.W. Hayward	9	7	-
* Mr I.C. Miller	9	8	-
* Mr D.P. Stanton	9	8	-
* The Rev W. France	9	9	-
1 person to be elected for 1 year Vacancy (ex Miss M. Hudson resigned 29/5/00)			
	-	-	-
8. ARUNDEL HOUSE COUNCIL (Ordinance 1977)			
3 persons to be elected for 3 years			
* Dr L. Armstrong	10	8	1
* Mr T. Moon	10	3	-
* Dr S. Tan	5	3	-
1 person to be elected for 1 year * Mrs M. Wesley (ex the Rev S.M. King resigned 24/1/00)			
	3	2	-
9. BARKER COLLEGE, THE COUNCIL OF (Ordinance 1978)			
1 clergyman to be elected for 3 years			
* The Rev G.C.M. Boughton	11	10	-
1 layperson to be elected for 3 years			
* Mr A.D. McCarthy	-	-	-
10. CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MINISTERS (Ordinance 1989)			
1 clergyman being an incumbent of an ecclesiastical unit to be elected for 3 years The Rev J.R. Gray			
	3	1	-
1 layperson to be elected for 3 years			
+ Mr W. Death	4	-	-

Attendances at Meetings
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	Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
11. DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN NSW (Constitution of the Council)			
4 persons to be elected for 2 years			
Vacancy (not filled by the 1999 Synod)	-	-	-
Vacancy (not filled by the 1999 Synod)	-	-	-
Vacancy (ex the Rev C. Chardon resigned 3/4/00)	-	-	-
Vacancy (ex Dr S. Judd resigned 29/5/00)	-	-	-
12. ILLAWARRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL, THE COUNCIL OF THE (Ordinance 1958)			
1 clergyman to be elected for 4 years			
* The Rev S.G. Barrett	12	10	2
2 laypersons to be elected for 4 years			
* Mr D.W. Burrows	12	12	-
* Dr A.R.M. Young	12	12	-
1 layperson to be elected for 2 years			
* Mrs H. Webb (ex Mr P.G. Kell resigned 3/4/00)	1	1	-
13. MACARTHUR REGION ANGLICAN CHURCH SCHOOL, COUNCIL OF THE (Ordinance 1982)			
2 persons to be elected for 3 years			
* Mr M. Bell	9	7	-
* Mrs M. Thomas	9	8	-
14. MISSIONS TO SEAMEN, SYDNEY PORT COMMITTEE (Synod Resolution 10/63)			
1 person to be elected for 2 years			
Vacancy (not filled by the 1999 Synod)	-	-	-
15. MOORE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL (Ordinance 1984)			
1 clergyman to be elected for 3 years			
* The Rev N.E. Prott	8	5	1
2 laypersons to be elected for 3 years			
* Miss E.A. Paddison	8	3	2
* Mr K.M. Chapman	8	7	-
16. DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES ON PROVINCIAL SYNOD (Ordinance 1986)			
1 clergyman to be elected for 2 years			
* The Rev T.J. Halls	-	-	-

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	Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
17. ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL, WAVERLEY, COUNCIL OF (Ordinance 1922)			
1 clergyman to be elected for 4 years			
The Rev L.W. Davies	9	9	-
2 laymen to be elected for 4 years			
Mr G. Barraclough	9	8	1
Mr J. Peterson	9	8	1
1 woman to be elected for 4 years			
Mrs C. Adams (formerly Segerstrom)	9	6	3
18. SYDNEY ANGLICAN SCHOOLS CORPORATION (Ordinance 1947)			
4 persons to be elected for 3 years			
* Mr P. Butcher	2	1	-
* Dr A. Cole	-	-	-
* Archdeacon G. Huard	2	1	-
* Mr W.B. Nicholson	2	2	-
19. SYNOD POOL (Parish Disputes Ordinance 1999) (First election at the 2000 Synod)			
12 clergy, at least 9 of whom are incumbents, to be elected by the clerical members of Synod			
* The Rev R.C. Barrie	-	-	-
* Canon G.R. Begbie	-	-	-
* The Rev Dr R.H. Chilton	-	-	-
* Canon I.W. Cox	-	-	-
* The Rev D.L. Crain	-	-	-
* The Rev B.J. Dudding	-	-	-
* Canon J.L. Livingstone	-	-	-
* The Rev J.G. Mason	-	-	-
* The Rev M.B. Robinson	-	-	-
* Canon J.W. South	-	-	-
* The Rev Z. Veron	-	-	-
* The Rev D.W. Wallace	-	-	-
12 laypersons to be elected by the lay members of Synod			
* Mrs W. Colquhoun	-	-	-
* Mr D. Francis	-	-	-
* Mr A. Frank	-	-	-
* Ms F. Hansen	-	-	-
* Dr K. Hawtrey	-	-	-
* Mrs L. Hicks	-	-	-
* Dr M. Horsburgh	-	-	-
* Mr D.S. Marr	-	-	-
* Mrs L. McCoy	-	-	-
* Mr M. Purvis	-	-	-
* Ms A. Watson	-	-	-

		Attendances at Meetings Year to 30 June 2000		
		Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
20.	TARA ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, COUNCIL OF (Ordinance 1956)			
	2 members of the clergy to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev G.R. Begbie	9	8	-
	* Bishop B.F.V. King	9	8	-
	2 laypersons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr M. Jones	9	9	-
	* Mr D. Nott	9	3	-
	1 member of the to be clergy elected for 1 year			
	* The Rev N. Macken (ex the Rev A. Dircks resigned 3/4/00)	1	1	-
21.	TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, COUNCIL OF (Ordinance 1928)			
	2 clergymen to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev D.H. Courtney	8	8	-
	* The Rev T.J.W. Oakley	8	8	-
	2 laypersons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr R. Pegg (ex Mr P.B. Kelly died 29/5/00)	-	-	-
	* Mr J.E. Mills	8	8	-
22.	WILLIAM BRANWHITE CLARKE COLLEGE COUNCIL (Ordinance 1987)			
	1 clergyman to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev D.W. Gilmour	14	14	-
	1 layperson to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr B.G. Jones	14	14	-

5. Nomination Form for 2000 Synod Elections

Election No.
(From Schedule)

We, the undersigned, nominate
of

.....
Address Designation (Occupation)

for
(Name of Committee, Board, Council, etc.)

Proposer's Signature Parish Other *

Seconder's Signature Parish Other *

Address for acknowledgment
.....

Date

* If not a parish representative, specify the Part of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 under which the proposer or the seconder is a member of the Synod.

Certificate

This certificate is not necessary if the nominee is a retiring member whose willingness to stand for re-election is indicated on the schedule of elections required.

I Certify that the said consents to nomination.
Proposer or Seconder's Signature

Acknowledgment of Nomination

The Nomination of
.....

.....
Address Designation (Occupation)

for
(Name of Committee, Board, Council, etc.)

has been received. Election No.

For and on behalf of the Secretaries of Synod

..... Date