

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

3rd Session of the 45th Synod Business Paper: Saturday 27 October 2001

(Page references are to the Standing Committee's Report - see Part 5 of the Synod Business Rules for ordinance procedures.)

Members of Synod are asked to identify themselves each time they speak.

1. **Devotions will be led by Bishop Paul Barnett: see attached**
2. **Minutes of 26 October 2001**
3. **Questions**

It is not possible to provide answers to questions today.
4. **Petitions**
5. **Notices of questions**
6. **Procedural motions from members**
7. **The President will invite members to give written notice of other motions to a Secretary of the Synod**
8. **Calling of motions on the business paper**
9. **Motions**

Proposed to be taken at 9:45 am on Saturday 27 October

(1) Reclassification of Harbord as a parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Harbord as a parish with effect from 1 August 2001.
(Page 88) (The Rev Mark Dickens)

(2) Reclassification of Lavender Bay as a parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Lavender Bay as a parish with effect from 1 January 2002.
(See *Supplementary Papers*) (Archdeacon Ernie Carnaby)

(3) Reclassification of Leichhardt as a parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Leichhardt as a parish with effect from 1 January 2002.
(See *Supplementary Papers*) (The Rev David Crain)

(4) Reclassification of Quakers Hill as a parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Quakers Hill as a parish with effect from 1 January 2002.
(Page 100) (Mr Philip Gerber)

(5) Reclassification of Seven Hills as a parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Seven Hills as a parish with effect from 1 January 2002.

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(Mr David Horne)

Proposed to be taken at 11:00 am on Saturday 27 October

(6) Parish Relationships Ordinance 2001: approval in principle

That the Parish Relationships Ordinance 2001 be approved in principle.

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(Archdeacon Trevor Edwards)

(7) Parish Development Review Ordinance 2001: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Parish Development Review Ordinance 2001.

(See attachment)

(Archdeacon Trevor Edwards)

(8) Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2001: approval in principle

That the Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2001 be approved in principle.

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(The Rev Bruce Southwell)

Proposed to be taken at 1:30 pm on Saturday 27 October

(9) Anglicare chaplaincies

Synod -

- (a) acknowledges the important core ministry being undertaken by Anglican chaplains in general and psychiatric hospitals, prisons and juvenile justice centres and the Life After Prison Ministry, and
- (b) encourages Anglicare to maintain those core ministries and to develop them as resources permit, and
- (c) notes with concern the financial difficulties facing the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare) by the end of 2004 in providing this ministry without the financial support of Synod, and
- (d) notes that the AHMS council will be requesting that the Synod Estimates Ordinance for the triennium 2003-2004-2005 include a provision to support Anglican chaplaincy in general and psychiatric hospitals, juvenile justice centres, prisons and the Life After Prison Ministry, on a dollar for dollar basis with Anglicare up to an amount of \$800,000 p.a.

(Canon Howard Dillon/Bishop Robert Forsyth)

Proposed to be taken at 4:30 pm on Saturday 27 October

(10) Lay and diaconal administration of Holy Communion

Synod noting its own frequently expressed desire for lay and diaconal administration of holy communion and the Archbishop's comments that he wishes to find a constitutionally legal way to proceed, requests that the Standing Committee appoint a committee to investigate the legal options available and report back to the next ordinary session of the Synod.

(The Rev Dr Glenn Davies/Bishop Robert Forsyth)

(11) General Synod - promotion of canon concerning administration of Holy Communion by deacons

Synod requests that our representatives on General Synod, at the next session of the General Synod, promote a bill for a canon to permit a deacon to administer Holy Communion.

(Miss Linda Hughes)

Proposed to be taken at an appropriate time on Saturday 27 October

(12) Diocesan files on clergy

The Rev Phillip Jensen has moved -

“In keeping with contemporary understanding of fair dealing and openness, Synod requests that arrangements be made to enable a member of the clergy in the Diocese to inspect all material held on file about that member in the Diocesan records, with a view to correcting error and challenging any matters of judgement by inserting his or her own file note.”.

Mr Graeme Marks has moved the following amendment -

“That after the matter 'member of the clergy' the matter 'or a stipendiary lay worker employed' be inserted.”.

Mr Justice Peter Young has moved the following amendment -

“That the following matter be inserted at the end of the motion -

'Provided -

- (1) the person seeking to inspect their file must first give to the Archbishop such undertakings as he may reasonably seek, and
- (2) the Archbishop may if he considers it in the interests of the Diocese to do so decline inspection or restrict availability.'.”

Professor John Nevile has moved the following amendment -

“That the following matter be inserted at the end of the motion -

'but give those responsible for the files the right to shred confidential references after discussions on them have been made rather than place them on the file'.”.

The Rev Raymond Heslehurst has moved the following amendment -

“That the following mater be inserted at the end of the motion -

'provided all material obtained with guarantees of confidentiality to be restricted during the life of the people involved.'.”.

Mr Peter Kell has moved the following amendments -

- (a) after “requests that” insert “the Archbishop-in-Council prepare a protocol for”, and
- (b) after “material” insert “it considers appropriate which is”.

Debate on this matter has been adjourned. Under rule 4.9(6)(b) the Standing Committee has nominated the Rev Phillip Jensen and Mr Justice Peter Young to prepare a suitable form of words which expresses the mind of Synod and report to the Synod on Saturday 27 October.

Proposed to be taken after 3:00 pm on Friday 2 November

(13) Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2001: considering the text

That Synod resolves itself into the Synod in Committee to consider the text of the Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2001.

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(Dr Ann Young/Archdeacon Geoff Huard)

Proposed to be taken at 8:00 pm on Friday 2 November

(14) Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre Sale Ordinance 2001

Synod permits the introduction of the Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre Sale Ordinance 2001.

(See Supplementary Report)

(Mr Rodney Dredge/The Rev Stephen Semenchuk)
(Alternate view - Canon David Mulready)

(15) Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre

Seeing that Gilbulla continues to be such a strategic and valuable Diocesan Conference Centre, the Synod directs that the Standing Committee -

- (a) proceed immediately with all necessary improvements to the property as required by the Health Department, and
- (b) proceed during 2002 with the re-development of Gilbulla in such a way as to increase the capacity for guests by at least 50, as recommended by the previous Gilbulla Board, and report progress to the next sitting of Synod, and
- (c) in the light of Standing Committee's premature announcement by letter and through *Southern Cross*, of the impending sale of Gilbulla by the Spring of 2001, and the consequential adverse publicity affecting bookings for 2002, the Standing Committee underwrite the operating costs for 2002.

(Canon David Mulready)

Proposed to be taken at 9:30 am on Saturday 3 November

(16) Synod Membership (Election of Parochial Representatives) Amendment Ordinance 2001

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Membership (Election of Parochial Representatives) Amendment Ordinance 2001.

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(Mr Andrew Frank/The Rev Stephen Semenchuk)

(17) Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2001: approval in principle

That the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2001 be approved in principle.

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(The Rev Dr Glenn Davies)

To be taken at 1:30 pm on Saturday 3 November

(18) Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 Amendment Ordinance 2001: approval in principle

That the Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 Amendment Ordinance 2001 be approved in principle.

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(Mr Garth Blake)

Proposed to be taken after motion 9(18)

(19) General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2001: approval in principle

That the General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2001 be approved in principle.

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(Mr Robert Tong)

(20) Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2001: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2001.
(See *Supplementary Report*)

(Mr Mark Payne)

Motions for which no specific time for consideration has been proposed

(21) Referral of matters to the Synod

Synod requires that the Standing Committee bring to the next ordinary session of the Synod a bill -

- (a) to require that any matter, or any part of a matter, being considered by the Standing Committee be referred to the Synod by the Archbishop upon -
 - (i) the written request of the Archbishop, or
 - (ii) the written request or requests of any 5 members of the Standing Committee, or
 - (iii) the written request or requests of 100 members of the Synod, and
- (b) to require that the Standing Committee take no further action about the matter, or part thereof, referred to the Synod by the Archbishop under paragraph (a), except for the production of reports on the matter, and
- (c) to require that the Standing Committee prepare a report about the matter referred to the Synod and include in that report the report of any member or members of the Standing Committee who hold a minority view.

(The Rev Paul Cohen)

(22) Diocesan Officers (Retirement) Repeal Ordinance 2001

Synod permits the introduction of the Diocesan Officers (Retirement) Repeal Ordinance 2001.
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(Dr Max McKay/Mr John Shellard)

(23) Open meetings of the Standing Committee

In keeping with contemporary understanding of openness, Synod requests that the Standing Committee -

- (a) open its meetings to members of the Synod as observers subject to the Standing Committee's right in the case of a matter which is commercially or personally sensitive or otherwise affects the interests of the Diocese to restrict access while that matter is dealt with, and
- (b) makes its agenda and supporting papers for its meetings available to members of the Synod upon request, except in relation to any matter which the Diocesan Secretary considers is likely to be regarded by the Standing Committee as being commercially or personally sensitive or as otherwise affecting the interests of the Diocese.

(Amended form of motion)

(Ms Kath White)

(24) Support for churches and parishes without a minister

Synod respectfully requests that the Archbishop set up a committee to review the effectiveness of the Diocese in supporting parishes and churches during times when they are without a minister taking into account the following principles -

- (a) The committee should review, amongst other things, the experiences of churches and ministers who have recently been involved in this process.
- (b) Matters to be investigated should include
 - The opportunity for parishes and churches to consider options for new directions for ministry, growth and change.
 - The timing of presentation board process, especially when long service leave is taken after a minister finishes.
 - The accuracy of advice from Diocesan Presentation board members to parish nominators.
 - The accuracy of advice from parishes to prospective ministers.
 - Tenure of other parish staff and the effect this can have in the parish.

- The availability and level of episcopal support for churches without a minister.
 - Processes to deal with and resolve problems in churches and parishes.
 - The availability and level of parish administration support.
- (c) The committee should comprise both laity and clergy but exclude those that are (or have been recently) diocesan presentation board representatives.
- (d) The committee should provide a report to the next session of the Synod outlining the problems and making recommendations as to any changes that would improve our processes and support our church people at a time when they may most need it.

(Mr Ross Mitchell)

(25) Anglican sports ministries

Synod -

- (a) notes the final Report of the Archbishop's Olympic Games Taskforce, and
- (b) wishes to continue after its "sunset" end at 30 June 2001 its specialised Ministry-through-Sport of pastoral care and evangelism, and
- (c) approves funding for this purpose of \$60,000 in 2002, and
- (d) notes the intention to apply for appropriate funding in the next 3 year Synod budget, and
- (e) approves the name-change of such ministry to Anglican Sports Ministries.

(The Rev Rod Harding/Archdeacon Di Nicolios)

(26) Funding for indigenous peoples' ministries

Synod -

- (a) commends the launch of an appeal by the Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee to raise funds for establishing and maintaining Indigenous ministries in the diocese by directly approaching parishes for a voluntary contribution of 1% of their annual incomes for this purpose, and
- (b) recommends to the Standing Committee that 5% of income from all sales of the Property Trust be added to the Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Trust Fund for Indigenous ministry within the Diocese.

(Mr Tom Mayne/The Rev John McIntyre)

(27) Assistance to other dioceses

Considering the difficult and even parlous states of some of the dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia and especially in the Province of New South Wales, Synod agrees to set up a Commission under the leadership of the Archbishop to investigate ways by which this Diocese can bring help to another Diocese that may request it. Such help could include the possibility of sending clergy and other pastoral workers along with pastoral "tools" to that Diocese for the specific furtherance of Gospel ministry and outreach.

And

That such Commission be empowered to contact selected diocesan bishops to discuss this proposal and/or possibilities of sending help.

The Commission is to consist of the Archbishop (ex officio as President/Chairman), Mr Rodney Dredge, the Revs John Cornford, Dr Glenn Davies and Lindsay Stoddart, Deaconess Margaret Rodgers and the mover, with power to co-opt.

(Amended form of motion)

(The Rev Neil Flower/The Rev John Cornford)

(28) Amendment of the Local Revenues Ordinance 2001

Synod requests that the Standing Committee amend the Local Revenues Amendment Ordinance 2001 so that fees obtained from non-exclusive licence agreements can be included by parishes as local income or revenue.

(The Rev Denis Robinson)

(29) Consideration of members' motions

Synod -

- (a) values the work of Standing Committee on its behalf, and
- (b) endorses the principle that up to 40% of Synod sitting time be allocated to the discussion of motions received by the Standing Committee and other business arising from the Synod at large, and
- (c) directs that the Standing Committee prepare an ordinance for the next ordinary session of the Synod to enact the principle referred to in (b).

(Canon Dr James McPherson/The Rev John Cornish)

(30) Refugees

Synod -

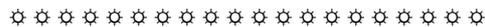
- (a) notes the existence of an estimated 22.3 million refugees and people of concern to the UNHCR throughout the world and the particular issue for our own nation with hundreds of asylum seekers, especially from Afghanistan and Iraq, arriving by boat in Australian water,
- (b) calls on our political leaders to show wise and just leadership by calming fear, by facilitating a speedier process of assessing the claims of asylum seekers, by providing a more humanitarian detention system, by urging our community to respect cultural and religious differences and reach out in care and concern to all those traumatised by social, religious and racial discrimination, and
- (c) calls on our church members to make this a matter of ongoing prayer and Christian concern.

(Archdeacon Geoff Huard)

(31) Rouse Hill Anglican College

Synod gives thanks to God for the establishment of Rouse Hill Anglican College in the north-west sector of Sydney and assures the foundation Principal, Mr Peter Fowler, and the School Council of its encouragement.

(Dr Laurie Scandrett/The Rev Ian Mears)



Bible Reading, Hymn & Prayers: Saturday 27 October 2001

Bible Reading (Romans 6):

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - ⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey - whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹ I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version

Hymn: Take my life and let it be consecrated

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be they royal throne.

6. Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-79

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