

## Resolutions of the 1995 session of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Synod

*(Resolutions 1/95 to 8/95 were passed at the second session of the Synod, which finished on 2 March 1995.)*

### **9/95 Care of People with Disabilities**

Synod notes the report on the Care of People with Disabilities, and –

- (a) calls on Christian people to act as respite carers through their parishes or the Anglican Home Mission Society; and
- (b) urges the New South Wales Government to review its funding of disabilities services so that costs may be more easily met by voluntary organisations.

(The Rev John Livingstone 11/10/1995)

### **10/95 Future Form of Synod Meetings**

This Synod asks that any member of the Synod who wishes to make any comment on the interim report from the committee on the Future Form of Synod Meetings do so by 28 February 1996 by sending such comments in writing to Mr Mark Payne.

Further, Synod requests the Committee to present a final report to the 1996 session of the Synod.

(Mr Justice Peter Young 11/10/1995)

### **11/95 Ecumenical Councils**

Synod notes the report of the Synod Committee on resolution 6/94, re Relationships between the Diocese of Sydney and NSW Interdenominational Councils and resolves to –

- (a) continue its membership of the NSW Council of Churches, and the NSW Ecumenical Council, for the time being;
- (b) urge both Councils to concentrate their efforts on issues directly related to the gospel; and
- (c) review its relationship with both Councils before the year 2000.

(The Rev Barry George 11/10/1995)

### **12/95 Stipends and Allowances**

Synod hereby reappoints the Stipends and Allowances Committee, with power to co-opt, and directs that it report its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee for action.

(Mr Warren Gotley 11/10/1995)

### **13/95 Junior High Ministry**

In recognising the special needs of the Junior High Youth, this Synod encourages every parish within the Diocese to re-evaluate its current Junior Youth Ministry to ensure that the young people within the church and beyond are receiving appropriate ministry to their age and context of current relationship with Jesus.

(Mr Tom Smith 11/10/1995)

### **14/95 Youth Awareness Sunday**

Synod notes that Sunday October 15th has been set aside by many churches in the Diocese as "Youth Awareness Sunday". The Synod commends the nomination of this day to Youth Ministry Awareness and encourages parishes to use this opportunity to challenge their members to pray for, support and be involved in, as they are able, Youth Ministry to people within the Church and beyond.

(The Rev Daniel Willis 11/10/1995)

**15/95 Ministry with Children**

Synod affirms the ministry of parishes in their intentional and rigorous commitment to ministry with children. It celebrates with them the achievement of their ministries in reaching over half a million children through church-based activities and programmes and Special Religious Education in government schools.

Similarly, Synod affirms and celebrates the very significant ministry of our Anglican schools which enrol 24,000 children.

(Canon Don Anderson 11/10/1995)

**16/95 75th Anniversary of the Anglican Education Commission**

Synod, notes that –

- (a) 1995 is the 75th Anniversary of the Anglican Education Commission's ministry in the promotion of education within the Diocese;
- (b) the Board of Education, created in 1919 from 2 diocesan committees begun in the 19th century having responsibility respectively for religious education in government schools and Sunday Schools, commenced its activities in 1920; and
- (c) in 1994, the name of the Board of Education was changed to the Anglican Education Commission Diocese of Sydney.

The Synod thanks God for the faithful service of many and committed people: lay, clergy, deaconesses, remunerated and voluntary, who have given outstanding service to the diverse and extensive educational ministries in the Diocese. It affirms its support of the present Commission's ministries, which provide for direct continuity inter alia in –

- (a) support to the ministries of parishes in the provision of resources, curricula, consultation and training;
- (b) representation of Anglican interests in public and school education to governments, their departments and boards, other non-government and church educational agencies; and
- (c) professional services to chaplains and teachers of Christian and religious studies in our schools.

The Synod acknowledges with gratitude, God's continued provision of professional educators, committed laity and clergy who constitute the Commission and competent and conscientious staff, who further its charter.

(Bishop Peter Watson 11/10/1995)

**17/95 Children's and Youth Ministries**

The Synod notes –

- (a) that there are 163,000 children within the Diocese, whose parents nominated themselves as Anglican in the ABS Census;
- (b) that our present parish-based programmes and activities reach less than 10% of these children; and
- (c) that there are more than 651,000 children who reside within the diocesan boundaries.

The Synod, therefore –

- (a) encourages the Archbishop, diocesan and parish leadership to consider including children's and youth ministries in their primary mission priorities for the next 5 years;
- (b) encourages every parish to give urgent attention to the development of evangelistic and Christian formation programmes and activities that will specifically impact significantly greater numbers of children; and
- (c) encourages non-parish based children's activities (such as regional youth ministries, Anglican schools and the Anglican Youth Department) to pursue a wider children's and youth ministry within the Diocese.

(The Rev Stephen Gibson 11/10/1995)

**18/95 Renewal of Commitment to Children's Ministry**

The Synod, in recognising that the majority of the lay and clerical leadership of the Diocese made personal commitments to Christ as children and youth, calls for a renewed commitment to ministry to children. Specifically, parishes are asked to implement or support programmes which seek to incorporate children fully into the life and fellowship of the local congregation.

(Bishop Ray Smith 11/10/1995)

**19/95 Preaching and Administration of Holy Communion by Lay Persons and Deacons Ordinance 1995**

(1) Because of cost and other factors involved, this Synod withdraws the question asked in resolution 3/95, requests the Diocesan Secretary to inform the Registrar of the Appellate Tribunal that the Synod does not seek an answer to that question, and thanks the Appellate Tribunal for its trouble to date.

(Mr Neil Cameron 11/10/1995)

(2) That the third reading of Preaching and Administration of Holy Communion by Lay Persons and Deacons Ordinance 1995 be deferred to the first session of the 44th Synod. And if this is not possible the whole ordinance as amended be deferred to the next Synod.

(The Rev Dr John Woodhouse 11/10/1995)

(3) Synod respectfully asks the Archbishop to consider calling regional meetings designed to stimulate further discussion on the proposed bill for the Preaching and Administration of Holy Communion by Lay Persons and Deacons Ordinance prior to the next Synod with the make-up of such meetings being similar in principle to that for Area Deanery Conferences, albeit on a regional scale.

(Canon Lawrence Bartlett 13/10/1995)

**20/95 Action Plan for Children's Ministries**

Synod requests the Anglican Education Commission to submit to the Archbishop and the Standing Committee an action plan which –

- (a) addresses opportunities to involve children in significant numbers in our parishes;
- (b) brings a specific set of recommendations to address the integration of children contacted through SRE in government schools into parish-based children's ministries; and
- (c) can be considered for adoption as part of diocesan strategic planning.

(Archdeacon Lindsay Stoddart 12/10/1995)

**21/95 Commitment to Children's and Youth Ministry**

The Synod recognises that the incorporation of children and youth into their local church comes through personally owned faith and participation as a consequence of intentional planning and provision for continuous education, nurture, evangelism and appropriate participation from early childhood until, at least, late adolescence or early adulthood.

The Synod, therefore, calls upon rectors and congregational leaders to ensure that no trait of our age and other philosophy, which looks only to immediate response and results, debilitates or diminishes commitment to long-term ministry to children and youth.

(The Rev Laurie Davies 12/10/1995)

**22/95 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Sydney**

This Synod notes that the Diocese of Sydney was founded on 25 June 1847 when Bishop William Grant Broughton was formally appointed by Letters Patent, the Bishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of Australasia and encourages the Archbishop and the Dean to plan appropriate activities to mark 150 years of the life and ministry of this Diocese.

(Bishop Peter Watson 12/10/1995)

**23/95 FESTIVAL '96 with Dr Billy Graham**

This Synod gives thanks to Almighty God for the ministry of Dr Billy Graham and commends the Archbishop for initiating the invitation to Dr Graham to undertake FESTIVAL 96 with BILLY GRAHAM, an evangelistic outreach in Sydney in March 1996. Synod gives its wholehearted support to FESTIVAL 96 and asks parishes and individuals in the Diocese to support this outreach with their active support, prayer and finances and further asks the Standing Committee to consider ways of providing financial and practical support to the organising committee.

(Mr Warwick Olson 12/10/1995)

**24/95 Sydney Harbour Casino**

This Synod, noting the opening of the Sydney Harbour casino on Wednesday September 13, and also noting the previously expressed strong opposition to casinos by this Diocese resolves to –

- (a) reaffirm its opposition to casinos, recognising the consequent human and financial cost suffered;
- (b) request the Standing Committee to ask its Social Issues Committee and the Home Mission Society –
  - (i) to monitor the social impact of the Sydney Harbour Casino on the local and wider community;
  - (ii) to obtain and evaluate any research undertaken by the Casino Community Benefit Fund; and
  - (iii) to report back to the next Synod in 1996 and, in the light of that report, to suggest possible strategies for ministry to the victims of gambling and their families.

(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers 12/10/1995)

**25/95 Low-fee Anglican Schools**

(1) This Synod endorses and supports the concept of new, low fee Anglican Schools and requests diocesan bodies and parishes to give support wherever possible to the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation in its task of establishing new, low fee Anglican Schools.

(The Rev Ian Mears 12/10/1995)

(2) This Synod expresses its grave concern at the present Australian Government requirements applying to the establishment of new non-government schools, on the grounds that they discriminate against those bodies wishing to establish new low-fee schools.

(The Rev Ian Mears 13/10/1995)

**26/95 Canon Bryce Wilson**

That, in the light of his retirement at the end of 1995, this Synod expresses its thanks to our heavenly Father for the service of Canon Bryce Wilson to this Synod and Diocese, especially in his work within the Home Mission Society as Director of Welfare Services 1982-1987, Associate to the General Secretary 1987-1990, General Secretary and Executive Director 1990-1995, and wishes him and Mrs Betty Wilson Almighty God's continuing blessing.

(The Rev Martin Robinson 12/10/1995)

**27/95 "Surplice Fees"**

This Synod commends the report on Surplice Fees resulting from Synod motion 14/92. In particular it draws the attention of Synod members to the recommendations in item 34 of the report. Synod further –

- (a) requests the Archbishop to consider changing the wording of licences issued by him so that surplice fees cannot be received in any way by the ministers of this Diocese;
- (b) requests the Council of CEFM to draw the attention of participants in the ACTS programme to the resolution of Synod in this matter;
- (c) requests churchwardens and parish councils to discuss with the ministers of their parishes the allocation of surplice fees received as a result of ministry through the parish, references to surplice fees in the recommendations of the Stipends and Allowances Committee (SAC), the desirability

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or otherwise of a local loading in the stipend paid to the minister for marriages and/or funerals conducted through the parish and the place of such services in the overall ministry of the parish (recommendations (c), (d) and (f) of item 34);

- (d) requests the SAC to give consideration to surplice fees, if available, when making recommendations (d) and (g) of item 34);
- (e) requests the area bishops of the Diocese to discuss resolutions of Synod in and related to this matter with the ministers of their regions as they deem it appropriate (recommendation (e) of item 34);
- (f) requests the Council of the Anglican Home Mission Society (AHMS) to consider allowing parishes in receipt of AHMS grants the opportunity to offer their ministers more than the recommended minimum stipend when the parish council, the minister and AHMS agree that marriages and/or funerals impose substantial extra obligations on the minister (see reference to AHMS policy in recommendation (h) of item 34); and
- (g) requests the Standing Committee to amend reporting procedures for parish annual financial returns to clearly indicate how surplice fees attracted by marriage and/or funeral services conducted were allocated (recommendation (i) of item 34).

(The Rev Stephen Gabbott 12/10/1995)

### **28/95 Church Planting**

Synod notes the report on Planting and Developing new churches and recommends its further study, including consideration of its inter-church ecumenical implications, by the Archbishop's leadership team, the Area Deaneries and parish leadership and that any appropriate action be taken, and –

- (a) requests the Archbishop's leadership team develop a church planters' fellowship for the sharing of ideas and programming conferences;
- (b) requests Standing Committee allocate sufficient funds for 1997-8 to the Mission Department at Moore College to offer a "church Planters" module both during college Training and in after College Training; and
- (c) requests Standing Committee allocate \$300,000 for specific church planting projects in 1997-8 and set advance funding schedules with termination dates.

(Bishop Reg Piper 12/10/1995)

### **29/95 Ministry Ordinance 1995**

That the Ministry Ordinance 1995 be deferred to the first session of the 44th Synod.

(Dr Barry Newman 12/10/1995)

### **30/95 National Church Life Survey**

This Synod congratulates the National Church Life Survey team on its award of Christian Book of the Year for the publication Mission Under the Microscope, commends it for its service to the churches and to the community, and encourages it in its ongoing research and development.

(Archdeacon Reg Platt 13/10/1995)

### **31/95 Days of Repentance, Fasting and Prayer**

This Synod requests his grace the Archbishop to call this Diocese to regular days of repentance, fasting and prayer for the Holy Spirit to move upon the ministry of the Diocese and its parishes.

(The Rev Elwyn Sheppard 13/10/1995)

### **32/95 Presentation and Exchange Ordinance 1988**

That Synod receives the Review of the Presentation and Exchange Ordinance 1988 report prepared by Standing Committee, and respectfully requests the Archbishop to carry out its recommendations.

(The Rev Don West 13/10/1995)

**33/95 Standing Committee Meetings**

This Synod encourages the Standing Committee to hold occasional meetings of the Standing Committee in different regions of the Diocese.

(Mr Rodney Dredge 13/10/1995)

**34/95 Decade of Evangelism**

Bearing in mind resolutions 6/90 and resolution 18/91 about the Decade of Evangelism, Synod commends the Aussie Awakening movement and Awakening 2000 to the parishes in the Diocese, and encourages the clergy to seek involvement in their local areas with the other denominations within the Christian Church in Awakening activities. Synod also recommends the involvement of Christians in the Global Marches.

(The Rev Elwyn Sheppard 13/10/1995)

**35/95 Introduction to the Bible**

Synod notes that the Moore College Correspondence Course is being translated into other languages and the "Introduction to the Bible" course is now available for study in Chinese. Synod welcomes this development and encourages the College to continue to make such courses accessible to Christians and churches of different cultures in Australia and abroad.

(Mr Robert Tong 13/10/1995)

**36/95 Millers Point Sale Ordinance 1979 Amendment Ordinance 1993**

This Synod notes the concern of the Parish Council of Miller's Point over the memorandum written by Archdeacon Huard, dated 20 July 1993, dealing with the Miller's Point sale Ordinance 1979 Amendment Ordinance 1993, and requests the Parish Council to meet with Archdeacon Huard and the Archdeacon of South Sydney to resolve any misunderstanding and to agree on a new amendment ordinance to be put before the Standing Committee in 1996.

(The Rev Brian Seers 13/10/1995)

**37/95 Sunday Trading**

This Synod asks the Standing Committee to prepare a policy report on Sunday trading on its commercial premises.

(The Rev Neil Flower 13/10/1995)

**38/95 The Yong Brothers in Sabah**

This Synod notes that in the past fortnight there has occurred the death through cancer of Yum Yong, brother of Archdeacon Yong and of Bishop Yong of Sabah, and the death of four leading laymen in the Parish of Archdeacon Yong. Mindful of the bond of fellowship between us and the Yong brothers this Synod sends them and their Diocese our sincere expression Christian sympathy.

(Bishop Paul Barnett 13/10/1995)

**39/95 Death of Joshua Fitzpatrick: St Andrew's Cathedral School**

This Synod expresses its sorrow at the death on Saturday afternoon of Joshua Fitzpatrick, a Year 10 student at St Andrew's Cathedral School's Outdoor Education Programme at Penrose, and commends Jonathon Hunt, the staff member who risked his own safety in an attempt to rescue and resuscitate Joshua.

The Synod requests the Secretaries of Synod to communicate to Joshua's family, Jonathon Hunt and the School community, our sympathy and our prayers that they will know God's grace and peace during their time of grief.

(Mr Terry Leister 18/10/1995)

**40/95 Anti-Discrimination Acts: Exemptions**

Noting the pledge of the Federal Attorney General, the Hon Michael Lavarch, reported in the Sydney Morning Herald of May 19, 1995 to consider extending the Sex Discrimination Act to ban discrimination on the basis of family responsibilities and removing exemption from the Act for religious schools, clubs and sport, this Synod advises the State and Federal Governments, the ACT House of Assembly, and the community through the media, that it –

- (a) strongly opposes any attempt to remove the exemptions that exist in anti-discrimination acts for Christian, religious and other non-government schools, churches and religious organisations;
- (b) strongly opposes any attempt to introduce legislation that would jeopardise the freedoms and rights which would force schools, churches and religious institutions to compromise their distinctive moral values and foundational principles;
- (c) vigorously asserts the need for these exemptions to be retained, as this is a crucial matter in church/state relations;
- (d) declares that the removal of these exemptions would mark a conflict between the Word of God and the law of the State, in which case we must obey the Word of God; and
- (e) opposes any action which would subject religious schools and other non-Government schools, and Churches and religious organisations to anti-discrimination legislation,

and requests that copies of this motion be forwarded to the Federal Attorney General, the Hon Michael Lavarch, the Prime Minister, the Hon Paul Keating, the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon John Howard, the leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Cheryl Kernot, the NSW Attorney General, Mr Jeff Shaw, the Premier the Hon Bob Carr, and the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Peter Collins.

(The Rev Elwyn Sheppard 18/10/1995)

**41/95 Lenten Studies - Who Cares?**

Synod notes that in 1996 the Lenten Studies entitled "Who Cares?" published by Anglican Press Australia have been drawn up by the National Anglican Caring Organisations Network (NACON) with input from the staff of St Barnabas College, Adelaide and encourages parishes who would appreciate this new approach to use this material.

(Archdeacon Geoffrey Huard 18/10/1995)

**42/95 Foundation of Readers' Association**

Synod gives thanks to Almighty God for the foundation of the Readers' Association, Diocese of Sydney on St Andrew's Day 1875 by Bishop Barker, Primate, and for the work of Readers - both diocesan and parochial - in the maintaining and extending of the Kingdom of God in this Diocese for 120 years.

(Mr Ken Hall 18/10/1995)

**43/95 Ministry of Women**

In light of the Vision Statement that we hope the number of suitable women offering for parish ministry and other full-time Christian service will double over the next ten years, this Synod commends the vital work of Archdeacon Dianne Nicolios and urges members to work to actively promote the ministry of women in their parishes.

(Ms Julia Baird 18/10/1995)

**44/95 Inauguration of the Anglican Province of South East Asia**

Synod notes the forthcoming inauguration of the Anglican Province of South East Asia on 2 February 1996 by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Singapore, and the accompanying installation of the Bishop of Singapore as the Archbishop of the new Province, and respectfully requests the Archbishop to convey greetings from this Synod and this Diocese to the Anglican Christians of South East Asia, and the assurance of our continued interest and constant prayers for their gospel ministry and outreach in the South East Asian region.

(The Rev Peter Tasker 18/10/1995)

**45/95 A Prayer Book for Australia**

- (1) This Synod, expressing the view that –
- (a) no prayer book which clearly allows for interpretations or practices contrary to the doctrine and principles of The Book of Common Prayer and The Thirty Nine Articles should be authorised for use in this Diocese; and
  - (b) any future revision of authorised services in this Diocese should reflect doctrine and principles that are in accordance with God's written word;

requests the Diocesan Doctrine Commission to examine A Prayer Book for Australia and report to Synod in 1996 on the acceptability of the doctrine expressed therein.

(Dr Barry Newman 18/10/1995)

(2) Synod encourages the Archbishop to authorise the experimental use of services from A Prayer Book for Australia (1995), as amended and authorised by General Synod –

- (a) in parishes that duly apply for permission; and
- (b) for a period concluding just before the Diocesan Synod in 1996;

provided that such services are biblical in context and character and consistent with the theological and liturgical principles of The Book of Common Prayer and the Thirty-Nine Articles, as advised, where possible, by the Diocesan Doctrine Commission.

(The Rev Dr David Peterson 19/10/1995)

**46/95 Euthanasia**

Synod endorses the statements in items 3 to 10 of the report of the Social Issues Committee, and –

- (a) calls on Anglican Christians in the Diocese of Sydney to engage in the public debate on euthanasia in an informed way;
- (b) commends the work of the Hope Health Care, formerly Homes of Peace of the Deaconess Institution, and urges the Anglican institutions which minister to the aged and the dying to audit their palliative care resources to ensure that good palliative care is available for the present and the future; and
- (c) calls on the NSW Parliament -
  - (i) to refer any Bill on euthanasia to a Parliamentary Select Committee;
  - (ii) to show its commitment to people by ensuring that there is adequate, effective palliative care available to the citizens of NSW; and
  - (iii) to reject any Bill designed to legalise euthanasia.

Synod requests that copies of the Social Issues Committee's report and of this resolution be sent to each member of both houses of the New South Wales and Australian Parliaments and to the Australian Medical Association.

(Dean Boak Jobbins 18/10/1995)

**47/95 Australia Remembers**

In this year in which "Australia Remembers", this Synod gives thanks to God for the sacrifices made and the service given by both service personnel and civilians which, eventually, led to the end of the war in Europe and in the Pacific in 1945. It calls on Christian people to pray and to work for that time when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more".

(Archdeacon Reg Platt 19/10/1995)

**48/95 Exclusiveness of Marriage**

This Synod requests that the Federal and State Governments be advised of its protest against any Bill which undermines the exclusiveness of marriage as being between one male and one female and calls upon the Federal Government to amend the Marriage Act, 1961, Part III clause 23(2), with the addition of a new clause (c) which would read as follows –

"(c) between a male and male or between a female and a female"

so that the whole clause 23(2) would read –

"(2) Marriages of parties within a prohibited relationship are marriages -

(a) between a person and an ancestor or descendant of the person; or

(b) between a brother and a sister (whether of the whole blood or the half-blood);  
or

(c) between a male and a male or between a female and female."

(The Rev Elwyn Sheppard 19/10/1995)

#### **49/95 Admission of Children to Holy Communion**

This Synod requests the Standing Committee to bring to the next Synod a bill to enable the General Synod Canon for the Admission of Children to the Holy Communion (Canon 6/85) to be reconsidered.

(The Rev Dr Glenn Davies 19/10/1995)

#### **50/95 Reformed and Biblical Theology of Work**

This Synod recognises, encourages and supports the roles of godly men and women in their everyday work vocation - as distinct from ordained or full-time ministry - and affirms its belief that such work of service in and to the world, done in the name of the Lord Jesus and by God's enabling, is true and laudable service rendered to God Himself by those whose vocation and ministry it is, and is no less acceptable to Him than the ministry of the Word.

Further, this Synod appoints a committee of 8 consisting of –

Bishop Paul Barnett	Mr Ian Miller
Canon Robert Forsyth	Mr Bill Shields
The Rev Dr Bill Lawton	Miss Alicia Watson
Dr Stephen Judd	Dr Ruth White

to provide as a matter of urgency to this Synod an articulation of the Reformed and Biblical Theology of Work and to report to the 1996 October session of Synod.

(Dr Stephen Judd 19/10/1995)

#### **51/95 Parishes Ordinance 1979**

That the matter in item 25 of the report on the bill for the Parishes Ordinance 1979 Amendment Ordinance 1979 be referred to the Standing Committee for report to the next Synod, noting the amendments on the business paper on 19 October 1995.

(Canon Ray Heslehurst 19/10/1995)

#### **52/95 The Rev Dr David Peterson: Principal of Oak Hill Theological College**

This Synod congratulates the Rev Dr David Peterson on his appointment as Principal of Oak Hill Theological College in the UK. We will miss his leadership, scholarship and participation in the life of this Diocese and the Australian Church, especially his learned contribution to the process of the liturgical revision. We assure him of our prayers and goodwill.

(Bishop Peter Watson 19/10/1995)

#### **53/95 Church Ministry (Baptism) Ordinance 1995**

That this Synod defers the matter of considering assent or dissent to the Canon P5 and asks the Archbishop-in-Council to appoint a committee to produce a report for the consideration of the Synod.

(Mr Warwick Olson 2/12/1995)

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### 54/95 Church Ministry Ordinances

Synod asks the Standing Committee to arrange as a matter of urgency for a report to be produced on the Church Ministry (Baptism) Ordinance 1995 and the other Church Ministry Ordinances, to seek the views of ministers and parish councils, and to refer these matters to the first day of the first session of the next Synod.

(Mr Neil Cameron 2/12/1995)

### 55/95 Resolutions of Thanks

(1) This Synod thanks the participants in and organisers of the 1995 Missionary Hour.

(The President 13/10/1995)

(2) Synod records its appreciation of the leadership of Bishop Reg Piper through the Bible readings and prayers during this session.

(The President 19/10/1995)

(3) Synod thanks Mr Mark Payne and Mr Warren Gotley for their work in suggesting arrangements and amendments for the election of members of the Standing Committee.

(Chairman of Committees 19/10/1995)

(3) Synod records its appreciation of –

(a) the President for his chairmanship;

(b) the Chairman and *Deputy Chairman of Committees* for their work in the Committee stages of bills for ordinances;

(c) the members who helped during the session by giving advice and serving on committees; and

(d) the services given by the Secretaries, the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer, the Church Information Officers, the Pianists and all those who have helped with the arrangements for sittings.

(Mr Warwick Olson 2/12/1995)

### 56/95 Procedural Resolutions

(1) Synod notes that the following organisations have not met the reporting requirements to the extent shown and requests them to comply with the requirements as soon as possible –

*Audited Accounts for 1993 and 1994*

Marrickville Area Deanery Committee

*Annual Report for 1994*

Council for the Continuing Education of Ministers.

(Mr Warren Gotley 11/10/1995)

(2) Synod defers to the next Synod the bills for ordinances remaining on the business paper.

(Bishop Peter Watson 2/12/1995)

(3) Synod authorises the President to sign the minutes of December 2 upon the production to the Standing Committee of the certificate of any 2 members of the Minute Reading Committee.

(Mr Warren Gotley 2/12/1995)

(4) Synod hereby adjourns without appointing another day of meeting.

(The Rev Chris Moroney 2/12/1995)