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1/08 Archdeacon Terry Dein

Synod gives thanks to God for the ministry of the Venerable Terrence Dein who retires from the Synod at the end of this year, and in particular –

- (a) his 35 years membership of this synod since his election as a lay member in 1964 and a member of Standing Committee since 1991,
- (b) his skilful administration and pastoral ministry as Archdeacon of North Sydney since 2004,
- (c) his faithful ministry of the word as rector of St Andrew's Wahroonga for over 18 years (1986-2004) and the parish of Yagoona for 7 years (1979-1986), having begun his ordained ministry at St Stephen's Willoughby (1969-1973),
- (d) his visionary leadership as Director of the Anglican Youth Department (1974-1979), and
- (e) his tireless energy in promoting the cause of Christ through his contributions to many Diocesan organisations, including the Cathedral Chapter, Anglicare and the Anglican Retirement Villages, as well as membership of the General Synod.

Synod expresses its gratitude to Terry and wishes him and his wife, Barbara, God's blessings upon their future life and ministry.

(Bishop Glenn Davies 13/10/2008)

2/08 Anglican school councils

Synod –

- (a) affirms the strategic role of the Anglican schools in the Diocesan Mission through their Christian education programs and their outreach to students and families,
- (b) acknowledges the valuable contribution made by the 400 lay and clerical members of Anglican school councils,
- (c) commends the Archbishop and the Anglican Education Commission for holding a meeting in May this year to thank these members of school councils for their service and to encourage them for the future, and
- (d) respectfully requests the Archbishop to hold further meetings at times that he feels appropriate, to continue to encourage school councils and to help them to feel partners in the Diocese's mission.

(The Rev Ian Millican 13/10/2008)

3/08 Educational practices and ministry in parishes

Synod, in the light of the Diocesan Education Policy adopted in 2007 –

- (a) expresses its appreciation to the Anglican Education Commission for its production of an explanatory booklet *Your Way Around the Education Policy*,
- (b) encourages every parish to use the explanatory booklet to review its educational practices and ministry during 2009 in the light of the Diocesan Education Policy, and
- (c) requests the Anglican Education Commission to provide suitable support to parishes which request it.

(The Rev Dr Bill Salier 13/10/2008)

4/08 Competition with regular Sunday church meetings

Synod, recognising that we are not under law but grace, encourages all Sydney Anglicans not to forsake regular weekly meeting together in their own congregations and therefore requests all Anglican schools and other Anglican organisations to avoid scheduling activities (whether regular or occasional) on Sunday so as to avoid competition with our regular Sunday church meetings, and thus avoid tempting Christians to skip church.

(Canon Sandy Grant 13/10/2008)

5/08 Towards a More Appropriate Response

Synod, recognising that TAMAR (Towards a More Appropriate Response) has accomplished its prophetic role in supporting victims of sexual abuse and noting its decision to discontinue in view of initiatives now being undertaken by the Diocese –

- (a) encourages the Diocese to maintain and enhance the protocols and processes now in place relating to sexual abuse in the Church,
- (b) notes with appreciation and gives thanks to God for the untiring work of members of TAMAR, who, for over a decade have offered support for victims of sexual abuse by clergy and Church workers, and
- (c) acknowledges the important part played by TAMAR in its educative, advisory and advocacy role involving parishes and diocesan organisations in relation to sexual abuse.

(Bishop Robert Forsyth 13/10/2008)

6/08 School of Christian Studies

Synod, noting that the School of Christian Studies at Robert Menzies College has been providing theological training to equip laypersons for their life, work and ministry for the past 25 years, congratulates SOCS on its recent recognition by the General Synod Standing Committee as an Anglican Theological College and encourages clergy and parish councils to consider how SOCS courses can assist their parish's ministry and outreach.

(The Rev Greg Burke 14/10/2008)

7/08 Ministry of women in the Diocese

Synod acknowledges and gives thanks to God for the creative and God-honouring ministry of women in the Diocese of Sydney at this time and over many years, including lay women in parishes, licensed lay workers, pastoral workers, clergy wives, chaplains and ordained deacons.

Synod also gives thanks for the numbers of women training and preparing for ministry through Moore College with the support of the Anglican Deaconess Institution Sydney Limited (ADISL) as well as Mary Andrews College, Youthworks College and the Department of Ministry Training and Development.

Synod further requests parish leaders to encourage many other mature and gifted women members to undertake theological and ministry training to enhance their contribution to the ministry of the Gospel throughout the Diocese and beyond.

(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers 14/10/2008)

8/08 Current economic crisis

Synod, in light of the current economic crisis (as it has been termed) calls on –

- (a) Christian people throughout Australia to pray that governments, the private sector and individuals would enact wise and prudent solutions to this situation, and

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- (b) Christian people, where practicable, to care for any persons adversely affected by the crisis but particularly the poor, disadvantaged and homeless in our city, and
- (c) the Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board to consider what advice and assistance may be given to those persons who are members of the Diocesan fund and about to draw down their superannuation and who may find themselves adversely affected by this current crisis, and
- (d) Christian people everywhere to remind one another of, and proclaim to our world, the enduring value of knowing Christ and the promise he has made that we have an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

(The Rev Nigel Fortescue 15/10/2008)

9/08 Archdeacon Geoffrey Huard

Synod gives thanks to God for the ministry of the Venerable Dr Geoffrey Huard who retires as Archdeacon of Georges River Region on 30 November 2008.

Geoff Huard did most of his theological training and early ministry in England. He came to Australia in 1976 with his Australian-born wife, Cathy, as the Rector of Redfern and Waterloo. This parish became the parish of South Sydney in 1978 and Geoff continued as Rector until 1989.

In 1989 Archbishop Donald Robinson appointed Geoff as Archdeacon of Sydney and Cumberland.

In 1993 Archbishop Harry Goodhew appointed Geoff to the new position of Archdeacon of Liverpool. As well as this important position, he has also been Acting Curate-in-Charge of Cabramatta, 1997-99; Acting Rector of Chester Hill with Sefton 2001-2003; and Acting Rector of Bankstown until this day. Geoff will continue as part-time Acting Rector of Bankstown.

Geoff served on a number of Diocesan Committees including Anglicare, Thomas Hassall Anglican School, Liberty Christian Ministries, Civil Chaplaincies Advisory Committee, Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee, and Ordination Training Fund Committee.

Geoff's patience and perseverance in the many details required of an Archdeacon have been appreciated, as well as his thoughtful advice given to clergy and parish councils. His ministry of Bible teaching has always been encouraging and helpful.

We thank God for Geoff and Cathy and assure them of our prayers and good wishes as they enter this new phase of their ministry.

(Bishop Peter Tasker 15/10/2008)

10/08 Workers for the Mission-field of Sydney

In view of the Archbishop's expression of concern in his Presidential address for 'deserts' and 'lost tribes' in our Diocese, and in view of Jesus' words that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few, this Synod urges all ministers and leaders in our Diocese to put before their people the challenge of the harvest-field that exists within the Diocese and to call on men and women to leave the comforts of the familiar to serve as tent-making missionaries in these 'deserts' and among these 'tribes'. This Synod further urges the identification or creation of appropriate organisations dedicated to raising-up, training, deploying and supporting such missionaries within our diocese.

(The Rev Richard Blight 15/10/2008)

11/08 "Jesus All About Life" Campaign

Synod encourages parishes to register with the Bible Society's 'Jesus All About Life' Campaign so that our Connect09 outreach will be enhanced by the \$2.5 million prime-time television, radio and billboard advertising planned for September and October 2009.

(The Rev Greg Burke 15/10/2008)

12/08 Student Ministers

Synod gives thanks to Almighty God for the ministry of Moore Theological College, particularly in helping prepare men and women for ordained ministry within the Anglican Church, and respectfully requests the Principal of Moore College, and the Ministry Training and Development department of the Diocese, to continue to encourage ordination candidates to seek a wide variety of church experiences during their years as Student Ministers, so as to better prepare them for future ordained ministry.

(The Rev Ian Millican 15/10/2008)

13/08 Archbishop's role as Honorary Secretary of GAFCON Primate's Council

Synod requests the Standing Committee to include in its budget proposals to the 2009 session of Synod appropriate financial support to enable Archbishop Jensen to adequately discharge his responsibilities as Honorary Secretary to the GAFCON Primates' Council.

(Mr Robert Tong 15/10/2008)

14/08 Theology of Christian Assembly

Synod welcomes the report of the Doctrine Commission, 'A Theology of Christian Assembly', endorses its recommendations and requests that –

- (a) ministers, ministry teams and other leaders in the churches of the Diocese give careful attention to the report and the principles of doctrine and worship laid down in the Book of Common Prayer and the Thirty-Nine Articles and take steps to implement its recommendations, as appropriate; and
- (b) the Liturgical group prepare a new range of 'templates for Christian assembly' suitable for the contemporary church, taking account of the Doctrine Commission's report and the principles of doctrine and worship laid down in the Book of Common Prayer and the Thirty-Nine Articles and the experience of missional church plants around the Diocese.

(Canon John Woodhouse 15/10/2008)

15/08 Strategic plan for the Mission

Synod –

- (a) endorses generally the matters raised in the report 'The Diocesan Mission – Midpoint Report: Achievements and Challenges in Becoming a Missional Diocese', and
- (b) invites members to make further comments to the Diocesan Secretary by 27 October 2008 about the matters raised in the report, and
- (c) notes that, in accordance with the *Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998*, a strategic plan will be prepared for Synod's consideration next year which takes into account the comments of members and which reflects the challenges and objectives referred to in the report.

(Mr Peter Kell 15/10/2008)

16/08 Connect09

Synod gives thanks to God for –

- (a) the vision, drive and commitment of the Archbishop in leading the Connect09 campaign and in encouraging our ministers, leaders and people across the Diocese to pray and persevere in turning the vision for Connect09 into action;
- (b) the commitment of our Diocesan leaders, ministers and people who are working hard at turning the resources of the Diocese toward this great campaign and who are implementing strategies for Connect09 at the local level; and

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- (c) the energy and commitment of the Connect09 team members, volunteers, Connect09 Ambassadors and Parish Co-ordinators who are helping to turn the vision of Connect09 into a reality;

and calls on all ministers, leaders, parishes, fellowships, congregations, Anglican schools and Diocesan organisations to remain committed –

- (d) to praying for the people of the region of the Diocese of Sydney;
- (e) to reaching out and genuinely connecting with their communities as they share their lives and the Word of God;
- (f) to developing innovative and generous partnerships with parishes and organisations as together we expect lives to be transformed by the Word of God; and
- (g) to driving the Connect09 campaign at the local level.

(Canon Jim Ramsay 15/10/2008)

17/08 Climate change response in parishes

Synod congratulates the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney (ACPT) and the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat (SDS) on their initiatives and achievements, as outlined in the report from Standing Committee '17/07 Climate Change' in response to Resolution 17/07 of the 2007 Synod, and requests the SDS to coordinate the development of a tool kit that will assist parishes in responding to climate change at the local level, including information about –

- (a) an environmental policy statement template as a basis for discussion and adoption by parishes,
- (b) implementation of practical energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, recycling, and other environmental sustainability initiatives for parish facilities, arising from the ACPT's Parish Pilot Group Environmental Assessments, and other appropriate sources, and
- (c) suitable worship and teaching resources that express the sovereignty of God over his creation and our role in stewardship and care.

(Mr Bruce Cooke 20/10/2008)

18/08 Review of building or buying new residences for full time paid ministry workers

Synod requests the Standing Committee to conduct a review of the current policies and procedures for parishes undertaking building or buying residences for full-time paid ministry staff and make appropriate recommendations for any changes.

The review to include but not to be limited to –

- (a) the role of the architectural panels, and
- (b) the changes in ministry needs when the residence is located away from a church site, and
- (c) the needs of ministry staff who are not incumbents.

(Mr Graeme Marks 20/10/2008)

19/08 Mr Riley Warren AM

Synod acknowledges the work of and gives praise to the Lord for the faithful service of Mr Riley Warren AM following his recent retirement from Standing Committee and Synod as well as his approaching retirement in December after 20 years as Headmaster of Macarthur Anglican School. In particular, Synod thanks God for Mr Warren's commitment to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through –

- (a) his service to the Sydney Diocese as a member of the Synod and Standing Committee since 1989,
- (b) his membership of General Synod and Provincial Synod at various times, and
- (c) his leadership and pastoral oversight of the staff and students as Headmaster of Macarthur Anglican School since 1989.

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Synod wishes Riley and his wife Pam God's richest blessings as they embrace retirement and their future life together.

(Ms Alicia Watson 20/10/2008)

20/08 Parish cost recoveries for churches without property

Synod requests Standing Committee to bring to the next session of the Synod a Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance which applies a Variable Charge component to Recognised Churches, Provisional Recognised Churches and Provisional Parishes that takes into consideration whether or not they have church trust property.

(The Rev Gavin Poole 20/10/2008)

21/08 Administrative burden on parishes

Synod requests, in light of Policy 4 of the Diocesan Mission that the Diocesan Registry and SDS provide a report to the Standing Committee with concrete recommendations about how they, or other organisations, can alleviate some of the administrative burden from parishes. These reports should include, but not be limited to, the areas of accounting, staff employment or appointment, safe ministry requirements, property and insurance matters. Synod further requests that Standing Committee seriously considers these recommendations and the resources and/or funding necessary for their implementation in the allocation made for the next triennium under the *Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009*.

(The Rev Raj Gupta 20/10/2008)

22/08 Electronic distribution of Synod materials

Synod requests the Standing Committee and Diocesan Secretariat to consider –

- (a) whether Synod materials may be distributed electronically to minimise cost and wastage and maximise efficiency in an increasingly electronic age, and assist those who are visually impaired in any way, and
- (b) whether executive summaries of longer documents may be produced to aid those who are preparing for the Synod.

(The Rev Nigel Fortescue 20/10/2008)

23/08 Anglican Education Commission

Synod congratulates the Anglican Education Commission for initiatives taken during the last year, noting in particular –

- (a) disseminating and implementing the Diocesan Education policy;
- (b) the employment of a mentor to encourage teachers of Christian Studies in Anglican Schools;
- (b) the partnership with the University of Sydney to deliver post graduate programs for teachers;
- (c) stimulation for doctoral research in educational philosophy and practice and theology; and
- (d) the continued recruitment of students to take up teaching as a vocation.

Synod invites all teachers and those involved in education to avail themselves of the resources available through the Anglican Education Commission.

(Mr Robert Tong 20/10/2008)

24/08 Review of General Synod legislation

Synod notes that the Standing Committee is undertaking a review of all General Synod legislation currently in force in the Diocese. The Synod requests a report on the review at its next session.

(Mr Neil Cameron 20/10/2008)

25/08 Business managers for churches

To accelerate the quality and quantity of interchange regarding solving the complexity of administration in our parishes, Synod requests that the Ordinance Reform Group and the Secretariat –

- (a) investigate any business manager employment arrangements that presently exist within the Diocese with the aim of preparing guidelines of suitable qualifications and work practices for use by other parishes considering such employees, and
- (b) to consider a pilot program of appointing, training, monitoring and supporting a church (or churches) to pioneer the task of employment of a business manager with the aim of establishing guidelines of suitable qualifications and work practices for use by all parishes in the future and to allocate sufficient Synod funds to accomplish this purpose.

(The Rev Michael Williamson 20/10/2008)

26/08 Affiliated Churches

Synod warmly welcomes, as an expression of our partnership in the gospel, the formal affiliation between this Diocese and the following churches –

- Northern Lakes Evangelical Church
- Albury Bible Fellowship
- The Point Community Church
- The Lakes Evangelical Church
- Maitland Evangelical Church
- Stanthorpe Evangelical Community Church

and requests the Standing Committee to consult with each of our affiliates about the ways in which our partnership in the gospel can be strengthened and to report back to Synod next year about any action taken for this purpose.

(Bishop Al Stewart 20/10/2008)

27/08 Lay and diaconal administration

Synod –

- (a) accepts the report concerning legal barriers to lay and diaconal administration of the Lord's Supper which was submitted to the 3rd session of the 47th Synod; and
- (b) affirms again its conviction that lay and diaconal administration of the Lord's Supper is consistent with the teaching of Scripture; and
- (c) affirms that the Lord's Supper in this diocese may be administered by persons other than presbyters

and requests the Diocesan Secretary to send a copy of *The Lord's Supper in Human Hands* to all bishops who attended the GAFCON.

(Bishop Glenn Davies 20/10/2008)

28/08 Statement on the Global Anglican Future and Jerusalem Declaration

Synod endorses the Jerusalem Declaration as exemplifying the tenets of orthodoxy which underpin our Anglican identity and invites all Anglicans in Australia to endorse the Declaration.

(Bishop Glenn Davies 20/10/2008)

29/08 GAFCON

Synod congratulates our Archbishop and Assistant Bishops on their attendance at GAFCON and their move to continue our development as a truly Bible-based Anglican Church.

(Mr Brian Flower 20/10/2008)

30/08 Bishop Peter Tasker

Synod notes that this will be the last Synod of the Rt Rev Peter Tasker prior to his retirement in June 2009 and thanks God for his ministry in this Diocese and in many overseas dioceses as well. Synod especially thanks Bishop Tasker in arranging and presenting the Missionary hour and the presentation of the Financial Ordinances to Synod over the past years.

Bishop Tasker has also exercised a remarkable ministry in the Georges River Region with the planting of congregations and working to renew parishes that have seen significant ethnic and sociological changes. We pray that the Lord will continue to lead and strengthen him in this work as he continues to exercise ministry in the Region and diocese.

Synod expresses its gratitude to Peter and wishes him and his wife, Joan, God's blessing upon their future ministry after June 2009.

(The Rev Ian Cox 21/10/2008)

31/08 Discipleship training

Synod –

- (a) noting the necessity to “make disciples” (Matthew 28:19) and the particular urgency for discipleship for the ongoing fruitfulness of our churches in regard of our Mission goal, and
- (b) noting the growing need for mature Christian workers to be available and ready as “lay” part time or as candidates for full time training, and
- (c) noting that as a result of a survey, by email, of 50 churches in our Diocese, only 3 responded positively to the question of whether there was a discipleship training facility in their church,

requests Christian Education Publications, in consultation with other organisations as appropriate, to consider the development of new discipleship material where a need is established, and to promote such materials along with any existing materials to all church members and other interested persons at all levels of spiritual maturity and age and including persons who are “transfers” and new converts.

(The Rev Bob Cameron 21/10/2008)

32/08 Report on procedures and sanctions for all standards in *Faithfulness in Service*

Synod –

- (a) notes that the Code of Conduct for personal behaviour and the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and church workers *Faithfulness in Service* (FIS) has been adopted by the Diocese and is applicable to all clergy and church workers,
- (b) notes that the *Discipline Ordinance 2006* provides specific procedures and possible sanctions only for the FIS child abuse and sexual misconduct standards and for habitual drunkenness and failure to pay just debts,

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- (c) notes that Standing Committee is considering a report on “Bullying in Parishes” (SC Report para 5.5) and is awaiting a report from the Safe Ministry Board on the adequacy of grievance procedures in the area of pastoral relationships and personal behaviour (SC Report 5.14),
- (d) requests Standing Committee to report to the 2009 Synod (with proposed draft ordinances if thought necessary) on the outcome of these two reports and the possibility of providing specific procedures and sanctions in relation to all the other standards enunciated in FIS, and
- (e) asks the Standing Committee to consider all possible procedures and sanctions including alternative non-legal mediatory and conflict solving processes.

(Mr Paul Bennett 21/10/2008)

33/08 Anglican chaplains

In view of the important contribution of tertiary chaplaincy to the Diocesan Mission, Synod appoints a committee to report to Standing Committee by March 2009 on the best way to promote and support the work of Anglican chaplains in universities and TAFEs, including the possibility of establishing a new diocesan body to oversee the appointment, funding and work of such chaplains. The report of the committee to recommend how (if appropriate) such a body would be structured and the implications for funding for the 2010-2012 funding triennium.

The committee to consist of –

The Rev Warwick de Jersey
The Rev Stephen Gooch
The Rev Richard Blight
Mr Andrew Frank
The Rev Stephen Semenchuk,

and two women appointed by the Standing Committee.

Synod encourages the Standing Committee to ensure their investigation includes consultation with representatives of each tertiary chaplaincy and also those regional councils who over the past five years have been involved in the financial support of those chaplaincies and the National Director of AFES.

(Mr Andrew Frank 21/10/2008)

34/08 Abortion

Noting recent renewed debate about abortion around Australia, this Synod –

- (a) affirms pregnancy and childbirth are part of God’s good plan for humankind,
- (b) affirms pregnancy is the privilege and responsibility of both the mother and the father of the unborn person,
- (c) affirms the sanctity of life, even of the unborn child,
- (d) supports legislative and social changes which would reduce the number of abortions in Australia, and
- (e) encourages and applauds health professionals who, for reasons of conscience, do not promote, aid or assist in ending the life of the unborn, except where the mother’s life is gravely at risk,
- (f) recognises the need of those who have knowingly participated in ending the life of the unborn, especially women who have had abortions, to hear the wonderful news of forgiveness in the death and resurrection of Christ,
- (g) encourages all Christians equally to make known Jesus’ love for all unborn human life and judgement of those who end it, and his offer of forgiveness for those who have done so.

Synod requests that the content of this motion be forwarded to the following persons – the Prime Minister, the Federal Opposition Leader, Senator Guy Barnett of Tasmania, the NSW Premier and Leader of the Opposition and the bishops of each of the Anglican dioceses of Australia.

(Canon Sandy Grant 21/10/2008)

35/08 Human rights framework for Australia

Synod –

- (a) welcomes the proposed Federal Government consultation process on the protection of human rights in Australia, and
- (b) thanks the Social Issues Executive for the work they have undertaken in the area of human rights to date and requests that they maintain a watching brief on developments in this area, and
- (c) requests the Diocesan Doctrine Commission, in consultation with the Social Issues Executive, to prepare for the Standing Committee as a matter of priority a paper clarifying our theological understanding of human rights, and
- (d) requests the Standing Committee to engage with the Federal Government consultation process and report progress to the next session of the Synod.

(Justice Peter Young 21/10/2008)

36/08 Alcohol abuse

Synod notes the right of adult persons to enjoy alcohol in moderation, and the legitimate enterprise of making and supplying alcohol to responsible adults.

Synod however regrets –

- (i) the increasing practice of binge drinking in society, particularly among young persons,
- (ii) the scourge on society of alcohol-fuelled violence and property damage,
- (iii) the high levels of injuries suffered by police officers while attempting to quell late night pub brawls,
- (iv) the knock-on effects of alcohol abuse which are felt by our hospitals,
- (v) the carnage on our roads often caused by drunk drivers,
- (vi) the alcohol-led physical assaults on many families in their own homes, and
- (vii) the practice of specifically targeting teenagers in some advertising of alcohol campaigns, which is directly contributing to the establishment of a binge drinking culture among young people.

Synod applauds the recently reported plans for the NSW Cabinet to consider a range of drinking laws designed to address the problems brought on by alcohol abuse, and encourages our law makers to consider research which highlights the relationship between crime and extended liquor trading hours, when determining their response to community calls for an immediate cutback in licensing hours in NSW. Synod particularly welcomes and supports the reported plans to ban licensed premises from operating 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Synod also encourages our politicians to examine other initiatives to limit the curse on society brought on by alcohol abuse.

Synod further requests the Archbishop to write to the Premier, Leader of the Opposition and Police Commissioner to encourage them to pursue this matter vigorously and to assure them of our support as they do so.

In light of this, Synod recalls the biblical teaching –

- (a) that “everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving” (1 Timothy 4:4, cf John 2:1-11, Psalm 104:15);
- (b) that drunkenness is always to be avoided (1 Cor 6:10, Eph 5:18),
- (c) that civil rulers and church leaders must take special care in any consumption of alcohol (Prov 31:4-5, 1 Tim 3:3),
- (d) that Christians should avoid causing others to stumble by what they drink (Rom 14:21).

Synod also notes section 6 of our code of conduct *Faithfulness in Service* and particularly items 6.5, 6.6 and 6.16 which relate to the consumption of alcohol.

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Synod therefore encourages Christian pastors and other leaders and teachers to proclaim scriptural truths concerning the use of alcohol and to set a godly example in regards to any personal use of alcohol and further encourages Christian pastors to take time to understand alcohol addiction which afflicts many in our congregations such that they can show compassion and pastoral care to Christians struggling to overcome this addiction.

(The Rev Zac Veron 21/10/2008)

37/08 Youthworks Advisor for TAFE

Synod requests that the Standing Committee consider including in the Synod Appropriations and Allocations for the triennium years 2010-12 an appropriation, from Policy 2 funds, of \$70,000 each year to fund the stipend of the Youthworks Advisor for TAFE.

(The Rev Ian Millican 21/10/2008)