

## Resolutions of the 2013 Special Session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod

(Resolutions 1/13 to 3/13 were passed at the Archbishop's Election Synod in August 2013.)

### 1/13 Archdeacon Ian Cox and Mrs Bronwen Cox

That the Synod recognise the invaluable contribution of Archdeacon Ian Cox and his wife Bronwen to the work of the gospel throughout our Diocese over the last 36 years and a decade before that in Melbourne and Adelaide. Ian's gospel centred heart and ministry have allowed the gospel to flourish in the churches he has led and as a result many people have been brought into the kingdom of God and pushed forward in their faith. During his time as Archdeacon, he has been at the forefront of ground breaking ministries in the Marrickville to Bankstown corridor seeking to establish new church initiatives where there are large Muslim populations. Our prayer is that those initiatives will bear much fruit in the generations to come.

His pastor's heart has come out time and time again when a minister of his region has needed help. He has been there in the trenches when the going gets tough, and has given wise and practical advice where necessary. Bronwen has been a minister to the wives of the clergy in the region and has worked with great diligence behind the scenes in many ways. Her hospitality and use of their family home has provided a venue for deep fellowship and encouragement for guests.

It will be sad to see them retire, but our prayer is that they will still use their great skills and talents for the Lord Jesus in the years to come. It is also our prayer that as they retire, our Lord God would raise up the appropriate person to take Ian's place for the greater good of the Georges River region.

(The Rev Stuart Milne 5/8/2013)

### 2/13 Reception and printing of Reports, Accounts and Other Documents

Synod receives the following papers, notes they have been tabled, and resolves that they be printed at the discretion of the Standing Committee –

- (a) Circular to Members of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod dated 11 March 2013, including the summons to Synod, and
- (b) Circular to Members of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod dated 24 June 2013, and
- (c) Circular to Members of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod dated 31 July 2013 forwarding a replacement Summary of forecasts for the Endowment of the See Expenditure Fund.

(Mr Mark Payne 5/8/2013)

### 3/13 Use of Social Media/Recording of Proceedings

Synod –

- (i) noting that pursuant to clause 12 of the *Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982* the public (including the media) will be excluded from the Synod meeting place at the conclusion of the Presidential Address today and will continue to be excluded until the end of the session on a subsequent day, and
- (ii) recognising that such exclusion seeks to create an environment in which Synod members can engage in free and frank discussion for the purpose of electing the next Archbishop,

requests that, unless permission is given by the President, members of the Synod –

- (a) not use social media to convey an account of the proceedings of the Synod to or discuss the proceedings with any member of the public (including the media) during the period between the conclusion of the Presidential Address today and the end of the session on a subsequent day, and
- (b) not record any sound or vision of part of the proceedings of the session, and requests further that Synod members exercise general discretion in what they convey or discuss about the proceedings of the Synod by other means during or subsequent to the session.

(Mr Peter Kell 5/8/2013)