

52nd Synod of the Diocese of Sydney

Special Session to Elect an Archbishop

Minutes of Proceedings of the Synod for Tuesday 4 May 2021

Preliminary

1. Assembly

The Synod assembled in the Darling Harbour Theatre, International Convention Centre at 4.30 pm.

2. Prayers

Mr Michael Duckett led the Synod in a prayer of acknowledgement of country.

Prayers were led by the Acting Registrar, Mr Tony Willis.

3. Bible Study

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

‘Synod suspends so many of the Standing Orders as would prevent the person(s) appointed by the President to read a passage from the Bible and apply it, at a time determined by the President, on this and subsequent days of this session.’

Seconded and carried

Canon Simon Manchester led the Synod in a Bible Study from Ezekiel 11:14-25.

4. Lists of members of the Synod

The President tabled the lists of clergy and lay representatives summoned to the Synod.

5. Presidential Address

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

‘Synod suspends so many of the Standing Orders as would prevent the President giving his address to the Synod at a time of his choosing.’

Seconded and carried

6. Document appointing a Commissary

The President tabled a copy of a document appointing a Commissary.

7. Questions

There had been no questions asked by members under Standing Order 6.3(2)(a).

8. Notices of Motions

There were no notices of motions.

9. Reception and printing of Reports, Accounts and Other Documents

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

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

- (a) Summons to Synod, dated 25 January 2021,
- (b) Circular to Members of the 52nd Synod, dated 16 March 2021, and
- (c) Report on the Finances of the Endowment of the See and Housing for the Archbishop, included in Synod Book 2.’

Seconded and carried

10. Procedural motions

Mr Daniel Glynn moved as a procedural motion –

‘Synod agrees that the President may choose a suitable time during this session to show video presentations prepared by New Churches for New Communities and Anglican Aid (3 minutes each).’

Seconded and carried

11. Presidential Address

The President delivered his address to the Synod.

12. Motions by request of the Administrative Committee with respect to the proceedings

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

‘Synod –

- (i) noting that pursuant to clause 12 of the *Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982* the public (including the media) are to be excluded from the Synod meeting place following 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 audibly or visually record any 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.’

Seconded and carried

Adjournment

At 5.42 pm, Mr Tony Willis moved –

‘That the Synod adjourn and resume at 7.00 pm tonight.’

Seconded and carried

Select List

Resumption

The Synod resumed at 7.00 pm.

13. The Rt Rev Chris Edwards

The Rev John Gray moved –

‘That the name of the Rt Rev Chris Edwards be placed on the Select List.’

The motion was seconded by Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo.

The President asked –

‘Does any member wish to speak against the nomination?’

A member spoke against the nomination and thereafter debate followed.

After a time for debate the President asked –

‘Does the Synod consider that the motion has been sufficiently debated?’

The majority of members present answered in the affirmative.

At the conclusion of the debate, the mover spoke in reply.

14. The Rt Rev Peter Hayward

Mr Tony Willis moved –

‘That the name of the Rt Rev Peter Hayward be placed on the Select List.’

The motion was seconded by the Rev Craig Hooper.

The President asked –

‘Does any member wish to speak against the nomination?’

A member spoke against the nomination and thereafter debate followed.

After a time for debate the President asked –

‘Does the Synod consider that the motion has been sufficiently debated?’

The majority of members present answered in the affirmative.

At the conclusion of the debate, the mover spoke in reply.

15. The Very Rev Kanishka Raffel

The Rev Dr Michael Jensen moved –

‘That the name of the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel be placed on the Select List.’

The motion was seconded by Mrs Emma Penzo.

The President asked –

‘Does any member wish to speak against the nomination?’

A member spoke against the nomination and thereafter debate followed.

After a time for debate the President asked –

‘Does the Synod consider that the motion has been sufficiently debated?’

The majority of members present answered in the affirmative.

At the conclusion of the debate, the mover spoke in reply.

16. The Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead

The Rt Rev Ross Nicholson moved –

‘That the name of the Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead be placed on the Select List.’

The motion was seconded by the Rev Alistair Seabrook.

The President asked –

‘Does any member wish to speak against the nomination?’

A member spoke against the nomination and thereafter debate followed.

After a time for debate the President asked –

‘Does the Synod consider that the motion has been sufficiently debated?’

The majority of members present answered in the affirmative.

At the conclusion of the debate, the mover spoke in reply.

17. Compilation of the Select List

The President put the following motions –

‘That the name of the Rt Rev Chris Edwards be placed on the Select List.’

‘That the name of the Rt Rev Peter Hayward be placed on the Select List.’

‘That the name of the Very Kanishka Raffel be placed on the Select List.’

‘That the name of the Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead be placed on the Select List.’

A vote on each of the motions was taken simultaneously by secret ballot in each order.

Adjournment

At 10:10 pm, before the results of the ballots were determined, Mr Tony Willis moved –

‘That the Synod adjourn and resume at 6.30 pm tomorrow.’

Seconded and carried, followed by the Grace.

We certify that, to the best of our recollection, these minutes are a correct record of the Synod's proceedings.

Two Members of the)
Minute Reading Committee)

Signed by the President

5 May 2021

52nd Synod of the Diocese of Sydney

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Synod for Wednesday 5 May 2021

Preliminary

1. Assembly

The Synod assembled in the Darling Harbour Theatre, International Convention Centre at 6.30 pm.

2. Prayers

Prayers were led by the Acting Registrar, Mr Tony Willis.

3. Bible Study

Canon Simon Manchester led the Synod in a Bible Study from Ezekiel 18:21-32.

4. Minutes

The President signed the minutes for 4 May 2021.

5. Questions

There were no notices of questions.

6. Notices of Motions

There were no notices of motions.

7. Personal Explanation

With the permission of the President under Standing Order 6.4, the Rt Rev Ross Nicholson made a personal explanation regarding the content of his address given on the previous night.

Select List

8. The Rt Rev Chris Edwards - Result of Ballot

The motion put to the vote on 4 May 2021 that the name of the Rt Rev Chris Edwards be placed on the Select List was not carried in either the house of laity or the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being –

	Votes in favour of the motion	Votes against the motion	Informal Votes	Abstentions (blank ballots)	Total
House of Laity	195	283	0	18	496
House of Clergy	76	188	0	11	275

9. The Rt Rev Peter Hayward - Result of Ballot

The motion put to the vote on 4 May 2021 that the name of the Rt Rev Peter Hayward be placed on the Select List was not carried in either the house of laity or the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being –

	Votes in favour of the motion	Votes against the motion	Informal Votes	Abstentions (blank ballots)	Total
House of Laity	72	402	1	21	496
House of Clergy	30	228	0	17	275

10. The Very Rev Kanishka Raffel - Result of Ballot

The motion put to the vote on 4 May 2021 that the name of the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel be placed on the Select List was carried in both the house of laity and the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being –

	Votes in favour of the motion	Votes against the motion	Informal Votes	Abstentions (blank ballots)	Total
House of Laity	417	71	1	7	496
House of Clergy	248	23	0	4	275

11. The Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead - Result of Ballot

The motion put to the vote on 4 May 2021 that the name of the Rt Rev Michael Stead be placed on the Select List was carried in the house of laity but not in the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being –

	Votes in favour of the motion	Votes against the motion	Informal Votes	Abstentions (blank ballots)	Total
House of Laity	287	198	0	11	496
House of Clergy	130	134	0	11	275

12. Names Placed on the Select List

The President announced under clause 15(6) of the *Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982* that the names of the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel and the Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead have been placed on the Select List.

Archdeacon Kara Hartley led the Synod in prayer for Bishop Chris and Mrs Belinda Edwards, and Bishop Peter and Mrs Julie Hayward.

Compilation of the Final List

13. The Very Rev Kanishka Raffel – Final List

Canon Phil Colgan moved –

‘That the name of the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel be placed upon the Final List.’

The motion was seconded by Miss Alicia Watson.

The President asked –

‘Does any member wish to speak in respect of the motion?’

A member spoke in respect of the motion and thereafter debate followed.

After a time for debate the President asked –

‘Does the Synod consider that the motion has been sufficiently debated?’

The majority of members present answered in the affirmative.

At the conclusion of the debate, the mover spoke in reply.

14. The Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead – Final List

Dr Karin Sowada moved –

‘That the name of the Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead be placed upon the Final List.’

The motion was seconded by the Rev Justin Moffatt.

The President asked –

‘Does any member wish to speak in respect of the motion?’

A member spoke in respect of the motion and thereafter debate followed.

After a time for debate the President asked –

‘Does the Synod consider that the motion has been sufficiently debated?’

The majority of members present answered in the affirmative.

At the conclusion of the debate, the mover spoke in reply.

15. Compilation of the Final List

The President put the following motions –

‘That the name of the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel be placed upon the Final List.’

‘That the name of the Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead be placed upon the Final List.’

A vote on each motion was taken simultaneously by secret ballot in each order.

16. Adjournment

At 9:58 pm, before the results of the ballots were determined, Mr Tony Willis moved –

‘That the Synod adjourn and resume at 6.30 pm tomorrow.’

Seconded and carried, followed by the Grace.

We certify that, to the best of our recollection, these minutes are a correct record of the Synod’s proceedings.

Two Members of the)
Minute Reading Committee)

Signed by the President

6 May 2021

52nd Synod of the Diocese of Sydney

Special Session to Elect an Archbishop

Minutes of Proceedings of the Synod for Thursday 6 May 2021

Preliminary

1. Assembly

The Synod assembled in the Darling Harbour Theatre, International Convention Centre at 6.30 pm.

2. Prayers

Prayers were led by the Acting Registrar, Mr Tony Willis.

3. Bible Study

Canon Simon Manchester led the Synod in a Bible Study from Ezekiel 34:11-16.

4. Minutes

The President signed the minutes for 5 May 2021.

5. Questions

There were no notices of questions.

6. Notices of Motions

There were no notices of motions.

Final List

7. The Very Rev Kanishka Raffel – Result of Ballot

The motion put to the vote on 5 May 2021 'that the name of the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel be placed on the Final List' was carried, having received a majority in both the house of laity and the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being –

	Votes in favour of the motion	Votes against the motion	Informal Votes	Abstentions (blank ballots)	Total
House of Laity	366	123	0	5	494
House of Clergy	231	49	0	2	282

8. The Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead - Result of Ballot

The motion put to the vote on 5 May 2021 'that the name of the Rt Rev Michael Stead be placed on the Final List' was not carried, having failed to receive a majority in the house of laity and the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being –

	Votes in favour of the motion	Votes against the motion	Informal Votes	Abstentions (blank ballots)	Total
House of Laity	186	306	0	2	494
House of Clergy	77	202	0	3	282

9. The Very Rev Kanishka Raffel – Name Placed on the Final List

The President announced under clause 16(5) of the *Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982* that the name of the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel had been placed on the Final List.

The Rev Dr Mark Thompson led the Synod in prayer for Bishop Michael and Mrs Felicity Stead.

Final Choice of a Nominee

10. The Very Rev Kanishka Raffel – Invitation to become Archbishop of Sydney

The President moved –

“That the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel be invited to become Archbishop of Sydney.”

A vote on the motion was taken by show of hands in each order.

The majority of the house of laity, present and voting, voted in favour of the motion, with 362 votes for and nil votes against.

The majority of the house of clergy, present and voting, voted in favour of the motion, with 205 votes for and nil against.

There having been a unanimity of members voting in favour of the motion, the President declared the Very Rev Kanishka Raffel to have been duly elected to the Office of Archbishop of Sydney.

Members of the Synod stood and applauded.

The Very Rev Kanishka Raffel and Mrs Cailey Raffel entered the Synod meeting hall. Dean Raffel addressed the Synod commencing with a reading from 1 Corinthians 3 and led the Synod in prayer.

Adjournment

11. Leadership of Devotions

Having been granted leave, the Rt Rev Dr Gary Koo moved –

‘Synod records its appreciation of the leadership of Canon Simon Manchester through the Bible readings and prayers of this session of Synod.’

Seconded and carried

12. President of the Synod

Having been granted leave, the Rev Richard Blight moved –

‘This Synod gives thanks to God for Bishop Peter Lin – for his gracious leadership as President of this Election Synod and for his passionate Presidential address on the challenges that lie before us as a Diocese.’

Seconded and carried

13. Resolution of Thanks

Having been granted leave, Archdeacon Kara Hartley moved –

‘Synod expresses its thanks to –

- (a) the President for his chairmanship, and
- (b) the officers and members who helped during the session by giving advice and serving the Synod, and
- (c) the Secretary, the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer, the staff of SDS, the Archbishop’s Office and Anglican Media, and all those who have helped with the arrangements for sittings.’

Seconded and carried

14. Signing of Minutes

Having been granted leave, Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

‘Synod authorises the President to sign the minutes of proceedings for the last day of this session upon the production to the Standing Committee of the certificate of any 2 members of the Minute Reading Committee.’

Seconded and carried

15. Adjournment

Being unable to sing under health restrictions in place in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, the President read the final two verses of the hymn, How Great Thou Art (Stuart K Hine).

At 7:30 pm, Mr Tony Willis moved –

‘Synod adjourns without appointing another day of meeting.’

Seconded and carried

The President closed the proceedings with prayer at 7:30 pm.

We certify that, to the best of our recollection, these minutes are a correct record of the Synod’s proceedings.

Two Members of the)
Minute Reading Committee)

Signed by the President

17 May 2021