

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

Special Session of the 52nd Synod Business Paper: Tuesday 4 May 2021

The Synod will assemble in the Darling Harbour Theatre, International Convention Centre, Sydney, commencing at 4.30 pm.

There will be a public gallery until the end of the Presidential Address.

The comments printed in italics do not have a formal status. They are intended as helpful prompts. Occasional clause references are to the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982.

1. Preliminary

Purpose: To table lists of members, to hear the Presidential Address, and attend to other preliminaries.

Description: The preliminary business set by clause 11 for 4 May (clause 13 for subsequent days) must be dealt with and the President must deliver his address.

1.1 Prayers are read by or at the request of the President.

1.2 Bible Study

1.2.1 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.

(Mr Daniel Glynn / Mr Tony Willis)

1.2.2 Canon Simon Manchester will lead the Synod in a Bible Study.

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

1.4 Presidential Address

1.4.1 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.

(Mr Daniel Glynn / Mr Tony Willis)

1.5 The President tables a document appointing a commissary.

1.6 The President tables a list of questions asked by members in accordance with Standing Order 6.3(2)(a).

1.7 Notices of Motions

1.8 Motions in connection with the formal reception and printing of reports, accounts and other documents

1.8.1 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.

(Mr Daniel Glynn)

1.9 The President delivers his address.

1.10 Motions by request of the Administrative Committee with respect to the proceedings

1.10.1 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.

(Mr Daniel Glynn / Mr Tony Willis)

2. Select List

Purpose: To reduce the List of Nominations to a Select List (clauses 15 and 15A).

Description: Each nominee is proposed and seconded in the order in which his name appears on the List of Nominations. If someone speaks against a nominee after he has been proposed and seconded the proposal can be debated. At the end of the debate the proposer has a right of reply before consideration of the next nominee commences. If no-one wants to speak against a nominee, consideration of the next nominee commences without debate. After consideration of the last nominee has concluded the President, unless the Synod otherwise determines, will put each of the motions.

Voting: On each of the motions simultaneously, by secret ballot and by orders with the laity voting first (subclause 15(5)). The procedure for the ballot will be –

- (a) Each member then present will be given a separate ballot paper for each motion (1 colour for the laity and another for the clergy).*
- (b) The ballot paper will be printed with the name of the nominee referred to in the motion and be printed with 2 boxes opposite the name of the nominee with the word “Yes” above one box and the word “No” above the other.*
- (c) Each member is to record his or her vote by marking the box under the word “Yes” if the member wants the name of the nominee placed on the Select List or by marking the box under the word “No” if the member does not want the name of the nominee placed on the Select List.*
- (d) Ballot papers will be collected and counted, and the results reported to the President.*

Majority: A majority is required in either house of the members present and voting (subclause 15(6)). The President is to announce the results (subclause 14(2)).

Speeches: The proposer has 15 minutes, all others have 5 minutes (subclause 26(1)). Where any member of the Synod (not being the proposer or seconder of the motion) speaks in respect of the motion, the proposer shall have 5 minutes for the right of reply (clause 10).

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

(The Rev John Gray / Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo)

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

(Mr Tony Willis / The Rev Craig Hooper)

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

(The Rev Dr Michael Jensen / Mrs Emma Penzo)

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

(The Rt Rev Ross Nicholson / The Rev Alistair Seabrook)

Note:

The order of the names of the nominees on the Select List is to be in alphabetical order and announced to the Synod (subclauses 15(7) and (8)).

If no nominee receives a majority of votes in either order of the members present and voting, the Synod will adjourn and the nomination process will start over again (subclause 15(9) and clause 33A).

3. Final List

Purpose: To reduce the Select List to a Final List of 3 (or less) names (clauses 16 to 23).

Description: Each nominee is proposed and seconded in the order in which his name appears on the Select List. Each member of the Synod who wishes to speak may do so unless the Synod otherwise determines. After consideration of the last nominee has concluded the President, will put each of the motions.

Voting: On each of the motions simultaneously, by secret ballot and by orders with the laity voting first (subclause 16(4)). The procedure will be –

- (a) Each member then present will be given a separate ballot paper for each motion.*
- (b) The ballot paper will be printed with the name of the nominee referred to in the motion and be printed with 2 boxes opposite the name of the nominee with the word “Yes” above one box and the word “No” above the other.*
- (c) Each member is to record his or her vote by marking the box under the word “Yes” if the member wants the name of the nominee placed on the Final List or by marking the box under the word “No” if the member does not want the name of the nominee placed on the Final List.*
- (d) Ballot papers will be collected and counted, and the results reported to the President.*

Majorities: A majority is required in both houses of the members present and voting (subclause 16(5)). The President is to announce the results (subclause 14(2)).

Speeches: The proposer has 10 minutes, all others have 5 minutes (subclause 26(1)(b)). Where any member of the Synod (not being the proposer or seconder of the motion) speaks in respect of the motion, the proposer shall have 5 minutes for the right of reply (clause 10).

3.1 That the name of (A.B.) be placed on the Final List.

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Notes:

- (a) The order of the names of the nominees on the Final List is to be determined by the President by lot and announced to the Synod (clause 23).*
- (b) If no nominee on the Select List receives a majority of votes in both orders of the members present and voting, the Synod will choose either to conduct a further vote by secret ballot in respect to each nominee on the Select List or adjourn and start the nomination process over again (subclause 17(5) and clause 33A).*

4. Final Choice of a Nominee

Purpose: To decide who should be invited to be Archbishop of Sydney.

Description: If there is only one name on the Final List, under clause 24 the President is to put without debate, the motion "That (A.B.) be invited to be Archbishop of Sydney".

If there are two or three names on the Final List, each nominee is to be proposed and seconded (clauses 25 and 27 to 33) in turn. After all nominees have been proposed and seconded, members who wishes to speak in respect of any nomination may do so, unless the Synod otherwise determines, and proposers may reply in the order the nominees were proposed. When the debate concludes, the Synod is to adjourn to another day for a ballot.

Voting: For one nominee, by show of hands in each order with the laity voting first (subclause 24(2)).

For two or three nominees, after adjournment (clause 25(3)), by preferential ballot in each order (clauses 27-28). The procedure for the ballot is –

- (a) On resumption after the adjournment, each member present will be given a ballot paper in the appropriate form set out in the Schedule to the ordinance (one colour for the laity and another for the clergy).*
- (b) Names of the nominees will be printed on the ballot paper in the same order as the Final List and, opposite each name, a box will be printed.*
- (c) Members record their preferences by writing "1" and "2" [and "3"] in the boxes printed, according to their preferences.*
- (d) Ballot papers will be collected, counted and the results will be reported to the President.*

Majorities: An absolute majority of first preferences in both houses, the members present and voting (subclause 29(2) cf. clauses 30 and 31).

Speeches: All speakers have 5 minutes.

4.1 That (A.B.) be invited to become Archbishop of Sydney.

(The President)

Notes:

- (a) See clauses 30, 32 and 33 for "circuit breaker" procedures if neither of 2 nominees on the Final List receives the required majorities.*
- (b) See clauses 34 to 41 for post-Synod procedures: confirmation of election, refusal or delay in confirmation, failure to accept election, failure for other causes, declaration of election and proceedings after election.*



Please Note the Following Arrangements

<i>Hours of Meeting in the Darling Harbour Theatre, International Convention Centre -</i>	
<i>4 May</i>	<i>4.30 pm to 5.30 pm and 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm</i>
<i>5 May</i>	<i>6.30 pm to 10.00 pm</i>
<i>6 May</i>	<i>6.30 pm to 10.00 pm</i>
<i>7 May</i>	<i>6.30 pm to 10.00 pm</i>