

3rd Session of the 52nd Synod
Daily Papers
20 September 2022

Business Paper

Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney

Bible passage: Tuesday 20 September 2022

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains –
where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot slip –
he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD watches over you –
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm –
he will watch over your life;

⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and for evermore.

Third Session of the 52nd Synod

Business Paper: Tuesday 20 September 2022

- A notation “B#” refers to Bills and “M#” refers to motions which are provided in the attached schedule: Bills and motions for the consideration of the Synod.
- The Synod Standing Orders are found on page 303 Book 3: the Synod Standing Orders Ordinance 2019. See Part 5 of the Synod Standing Orders for ordinance procedures.

1. Prayers are read by the President or a person appointed by him.
2. Bible study is led by Bishop Jay Behan.
3. Minutes of 19 September 2022
4. Calling of motions (including procedural motions) on the business paper
5. Procedural motions

5.1 Arrangements for consideration of business from the Order of Business Committee

Synod agrees –

- (a) to adopt the changes to the scheduling of matters shown in tracked form on the timetable,
- (b) to allow M44 (Congratulations to The Rev Darrell Parker on election as the Bishop of North West Australia) to be put on the callover, and if it is passed, invites the Rev Tim Mildenhall to pray,
- (c) to consider the motion at M28 (Ministry Wellbeing and Development), and only that motion, at an additional calling of motions at a suitable time after 5:00 pm, noting that Synod has agreed previously not to consider M28 prior to 5:00 pm and as a consequence the motion has never been put on the callover.

(Mr Daniel Glynn / Dr Robert Tong AM)

5.2 Notice of motion regarding Synod in the Greenfields

Synod agrees to accept the notice of motion at item M64 (Synod in the Greenfields) and consider the matter as if sufficient notice had been provided to allow the motion to be considered today (including to be put on the callover), and suspends so many of the Standing Orders as would prevent this.

(Bishop Peter Lin / The Rev Dominic Steele)

5.3 Arrangements for continuing debate on M12 (Review of the Nomination Ordinance 2006)

Synod invites the mover of the motion at M12 (Review of the Nomination Ordinance 2006), Canon Craig Roberts, and the mover of the amendment, Professor Bernard Stewart AM, to speak for up to 2 minutes each before resuming debate on this matter, and suspends so many Standing Orders as would prevent this.

(Mr Daniel Glynn / Archdeacon Simon Flinders)

5.4 Amended form of Question

Synod notes that the question printed in full at item 4.5 on the business paper for Wednesday 14 September 2022 is to be asked in the form shown at item 6.1 below, at the request of the questioner, and suspends so many Standing Orders as would prevent this.

(Mr Daniel Glynn / Archdeacon Simon Flinders)

6. Answers to questions

6.1 Doctrine Statement on Gender Identity

The Rev Michael Turner asked the following question –

Noting the Synod resolutions of 2017, 2018 and 2019, and the Archbishop's Advice to Anglican Schools regarding matters concerning Gender Identity: How many Anglican schools have not affirmed the Doctrine Statement AND developed publicly accessible policies consistent with the Doctrine Statement?

7. Motions for consideration by the Synod

Motions for consideration by the Synod are printed in the Schedule attached to this business paper.

Bills and motions for the consideration of the Synod

- A notation “B#” refers to Bills and “M#” refers to motions. These reference numbers and associated motions will remain consistent throughout this session of Synod.
- *Italicised text under motion headings indicates the arrangements as proposed in the procedural motions on the business paper.*
- *Any amendments to motions listed below, unless otherwise indicated, have not yet been moved. Accordingly, the motion may be put on the callover, and a member must call ‘amendment’ to prevent the motion being passed.*
- Legend
 - ○ an unscheduled motion, or a scheduled motion which may be taken on the callover
 - ○ cannot be taken on the callover (being either a bill for an ordinance or a matter which is scheduled for consideration at a particular time).

20 September 2022

I. Motions for ordinances and policies by request of the Standing Committee

There are no proposed ordinances or policies under this heading.

II. Motions for ordinances and policies by request of a Regional Council

There are no proposed ordinances or policies under this heading.

III. Other motions by request of the Standing Committee

○ ○ **M7 Approach to meetings of, and financial contributions to, the General Synod**
Tuesday 20th (afternoon session) following M12

Dr Scandrett will move the motion in the following form (marked to show changes) –

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney notes with godly grief the deep breach of fellowship in the Anglican Church of Australia exposed at the eighteenth session of General Synod on matters of doctrine and human sexuality, and –

- gives thanks to God for the clear majority of General Synod members who voted for Biblical marriage at the eighteenth session of the General Synod,
- notes with thankfulness; our Archbishop’s leadership in publicly expressing our ongoing commitment as a diocese to contending for the Reformed Evangelical Faith from within the Anglican Church of Australia; while also extending the hand of fellowship to the Diocese of the Southern Cross,
- commits to praying for the repentance of those Bishops who did not vote for ~~voted against~~ Biblical marriage at the eighteenth session of the General Synod,
- commits to prayerfully support orthodox Anglicans both within the Anglican Church of Australia and within the new Diocese of the Southern Cross,
- requests the Standing Committee to consider our future approach as a Diocese to meetings of the General Synod, and report on the outcomes of this consideration prior to the nineteenth session of General Synod, and
- requests the Standing Committee to consider how our financial contributions to the national church may be directed more effectively towards faithful and

orthodox gospel ministry, and report on the outcomes of these considerations to the Synod prior to the nineteenth session of General Synod.

(Dr Laurie Scandrett / Mr James Flavin)

Proposed amendments

- (1) Omit paragraph (f).

(The Rev David Morgan / Miss Norma Esler)

M8 Obedience to Jesus' Great Commission

Tuesday 20th (afternoon session) following M7

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney notes the broken state of our national church and, humbly acknowledging and repenting of our own sins, resolves to invest wisely, in faithful obedience to Jesus' Great Commission, all across the country, in –

- (a) the raising up of Christian leaders who can proclaim the gospel clearly and are prepared to go out in mission, and
- (b) establishing and supporting churches that faithfully proclaim the gospel and defend the truth of God's word.

(Bishop Rick Lewers / Dean Sandy Grant)

Proposed amendments

- (1) In the opening paragraph –
- (i) after the words "invest wisely" insert the words "and lawfully within the scope of the ordinances and resolutions of this Synod".

(The Rev Michael Armstrong / The Rev Dr Max Wood)

M12 Review of the Nomination Ordinance 2006

Tuesday 20th (afternoon session) following formal matters

On 19 September, Canon Craig Roberts moved the following motion and debate ensued. Professor Bernard Stewart moved the amendment at (1) below. Canon Roberts and Professor Stewart may each speak for up to two minutes before debate resumes.

Synod, noting the report 'Review of the *Nomination Ordinance 2006*', requests that the Standing Committee implement the changes to the *Nomination Ordinance 2006* and nomination process generally suggested in the report.

(Bk 2 p.105) (Moved by Canon Craig Roberts / ~~Mrs Kirsty Bucknell~~ Mrs Catherine Rich)

Proposed amendments

- (1) Omit all the matter following 'Standing Committee' and insert instead the matter, 'bring a Bill for an Ordinance entitled "Nomination Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2023" to the next ordinary session of Synod as scheduled for that year.'

(Moved by Professor Bernard Stewart AM / Ms Caroline Bowyer)

M23 Gospel Foundation Fund of the Diocese of North West Australia

Tuesday 20th (afternoon session) following M8

The movers have provided notice (in accordance with Standing Order 4.1(d) and (e)) that they intend to make a joint presentation, with visuals.

Synod commends to the attention of members the Gospel Foundation Fund of the Diocese of North West Australia (<https://www.anglicandnwa.org/>) and requests that Standing Committee consider making budgetary provision for support of this fund in the Synod budget for the next funding triennium. Synod further requests that, if funds are provided, then a report be provided identifying the projects and organisations funded under the Gospel Foundation Fund by the Diocese of North West Australia, how much each project/organisation received, and for what specific purpose(s).

(Dr Laurie Scandrett / Dr Robert Tong AM)

IV. Motions by request of a regional council

There are no motions under this heading.

V. Motions deferred by the previous ordinary session of Synod

M24 The practice and understanding of baptism

Tuesday 20th following M44

Synod –

- (a) sincerely thanks the Doctrine Commission for its very thoughtful and detailed report, received by the Synod at its 1st ordinary session in May 2021, “A Theology of Baptism”,
- (b) recognises that “baptising in the name of Jesus Christ” or “baptising in the name of the Lord Jesus”, rather than “baptising in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” better reflects the practice revealed in the Acts of the Apostles, and
- (c) recognises, though this is not a conclusion of the report, that it is possible, upon a careful exegesis of Matthew 28:19, 20b, that, “baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” could be understood metaphorically to refer to something like, “immersing them in that which pertains to the person of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”.

(Dr Barry Newman / The Rev Nathan Walter)

Proposed amendments

- (1) Delete paragraphs (b) and (c), with consequential re-lettering.

(Archdeacon Anthony Douglas / Mrs Stacey Chapman)

VI. Motions received by the Secretary of the Synod within the notice period

M28 Ministry Wellbeing and Development

*Tuesday 20th following M24, unless taken on an additional callover at a suitable time after 5.00 pm
Not to be considered prior to 5.00 pm on any day of the session*

Synod –

- (a) notes –
 - (i) recommendations 16.5, 16.44 and 16.45 for national mandatory standards for professional development, professional/pastoral supervision and performance appraisals of bishops, clergy, and lay personnel of the Anglican Church of Australia

- in any form of ministry of pastoral care or service in the final report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse,
- (ii) the resolution of the General Synod on 9 May 2022 encouraging dioceses to fully implement the Ministry Wellbeing and Development policy, guidelines and resources document to enhance the wellbeing and professional development of clergy and some paid church workers,
 - (iii) the Pastoral Consultation (Professional Supervision) Recommendation dated 27 July 2022 tabled at this session of the Synod (the Recommendation), and
 - (iv) the lifelong ministry resources developed by Ministry Training & Development,
- (b) affirms the importance of implementing a mandatory system for the professional development, professional/pastoral supervision and performance appraisals of clergy and lay church workers providing pastoral care or service to enhance their ministry wellbeing and development,
 - (c) notes the subcommittees of the Standing Committee referred to in paragraphs 8 and 139 of the Recommendation are developing proposals for a system of mandatory professional/pastoral supervision and performance appraisals for licensed and stipendiary or paid clergy, and stipendiary or paid lay church workers providing pastoral care or service including any proposed legislation and policies, and requests a report be provided to the 1st ordinary session of the 53rd Synod, and
 - (d) requests the Standing Committee to establish a committee with a gender balance and appropriate expertise –
 - (i) to develop proposals for a system of mandatory professional development for licensed and stipendiary or paid clergy, and stipendiary or paid lay church workers providing pastoral care or service including any proposed legislation and policies, and
 - (ii) to report to the 1st ordinary session of the 53rd Synod.

(Mr Garth Blake AM SC / Mr Chris Lock)

 **M29 Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

Tuesday 20th, following M28. Following consideration of this motion, the Archbishop will lead the Synod in prayer.

Synod gives thanks to God for the life and work of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, acknowledging in particular his declaration of the Gospel basis for his repudiation of apartheid and his commitment to the welfare of the poor in South Africa.

(Professor Bernard Stewart AM / The Rev John Stanley)

Proposed amendments

- (1) Following the words 'Archbishop Desmond Tutu', omit the matter ', acknowledging in particular' and insert instead the matter '. While noting that Archbishop Tutu's theology significantly differs from the theology espoused by this Diocese, we acknowledge'.

(The Rev Christopher Braga / The Rev Joseph Wiltshire)

VI. Motions received by the Synod

 **M39 National School Chaplaincy Program**

Mr Robson will move the motion in the following form (marked to show changes) –

Synod notes –

- (a) its thankfulness to successive Australian Governments for the National School Chaplaincy Program over the last 15 years,

- (b) that school chaplains are qualified to support the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of both public and independent school communities across Australia and that for many schools, having Christian pastoral care has proven invaluable over this season of droughts, floods, bushfires and COVID,
- (c) that over 322 public schools take part in the program in NSW, including the Rev Neil Scott, rector of Park Rail Anglican Church, who serves as a chaplain at his local school, and
- (d) that the program is currently being evaluated by the Australian Government, ~~with an online questionnaire open until midnight Tuesday 13th September and available~~ here:
~~https://dandolopartners.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5pyqFknmzew89tY~~

Synod continues to pray for our school communities, our chaplains who serve in them, and all those in their care.

(Mr Matthew Robson / Mr James Flavin)

Proposed amendments

The following amendment was provided based on a prior form of motion and may not now be pursued.

- (1) In paragraph (d), omit all the matter following the word 'evaluated', and insert instead the matter, 'by the current Australian Government, with submissions having closed Tuesday 13th September 2022.'

(Mr James Mann / Mr Andrew Cooper)

M41 Support and encouragement for the Heads of schools

Tuesday 20 September 2022 following M29, unless taken on the callover

In light of the weighty responsibility of the Principals of our Anglican Schools to honour Christ and His mission while –

- (i) providing an excellent education in a place that is safe and dedicated to the well-being of students, and
- (ii) ensuring excellence and development of all teachers and staff who work in our schools,

and because we honour them and long for their well-being – spiritually, emotionally and physically, this Synod –

- (a) expresses its thanks to all Principals of our Anglican Schools,
- (b) acknowledges the enormity and complexity of their role, and the personal sacrifices made in the arenas of family and church life,
- (c) recognises the pressure from many stakeholders – students, parents, teachers, communities, governors, the Synod, NESAs and media outlets, and
- (d) encourages all Principals to have a spiritual mentor or coach, outside their spheres of influence (primarily school and family), who is committed to their well-being and growth in the Christian faith.

(Mrs Nicola Fortescue / The Rev David Mears)

●● **M43 Online determination of motions**

Synod requests Standing Committee to draft a bill for an Amending Ordinance to the *Standing Orders Ordinance 2019* to provide for online voting by Synod members of any motion so notified by (a) ten members of Standing Committee or (b) one hundred members of Synod, at any time out of session but with reasonable caveats concerning time before the next scheduled session of Synod and with all other provisions concerning the determination of motions remaining operable where relevant.

(Professor Bernard Stewart AM)

●● **M44 Congratulations to The Rev Darrell Parker on election as the Bishop of North West Australia**

Tuesday 20th following M23, unless taken on the callover

Synod congratulates the Rev Darrell Parker on his election as the next Bishop of the Diocese of North West Australia. Mr Parker is a graduate of Moore Theological College and is currently Senior Minister at St Paul's, West Tamworth. Darrell and his wife Elizabeth have spent 25 years serving God in the Armidale Diocese. Synod notes that Darrell will be consecrated in St Andrew's Cathedral on Friday 3 February 2023 and commits to pray for Darrell and Elizabeth as they embark on this strategic gospel ministry.

(Dr Robert Tong AM / Bishop Rick Lewers)

●● **M46 Livestream of meetings of the Synod**

Synod requests that arrangements be made to livestream meetings of Synod for the benefit of members who are unable to attend.

(The Rev Richard Blight / The Rev Tim Mildenhall)

●● **M59 Mr Martin Thearle**

Synod, noting that Mr Martin Thearle plans to retire as Manager, Diocesan Finance with SDS in 2023, acknowledges with thanks his committed service over the past 21 years supporting Synod – faithfully overseeing voting, elections and screen presentations, among other responsibilities; and also his support for parishes, particularly in his advice to parish treasurers and wardens, his financial circulars and explanations of complex financial matters – not least the circulars advising parishes regarding access to government financial support packages associated with COVID-19 during 2020 and 2021. Synod congratulates Martin on his retirement, and assures him and his wife Janet of its prayers.

(Mr Daniel Glynn / Canon Phillip Colgan)

●● **M60 Mrs Catherine Rich, Registrar of the Diocese of Sydney**

Synod notes with great thanks that Mrs Catherine Rich has been appointed by Archbishop Kanishka Raffel to the Office of Registrar and Keeper of the Acts and Records in and for the Diocese of Sydney, with effect from 21 September 2022. Synod congratulates Catherine upon this appointment and expresses its appreciation for her willingness to take up this responsibility and for her dedicated service as Deputy Registrar, having served in that capacity for over twenty-five years; and assures her and her husband James of its prayers.

(Bishop Michael Stead / Mr Daniel Glynn)

M61 Leadership of Bible studies

To be taken at a time determined by the President.

Synod records its appreciation for the preaching of the Rev Stuart Starr at the Synod Service and for the encouraging Bible Studies of Bishop Jay Behan during this session.

(Bishop Chris Edwards / Archdeacon Kara Hartley)

M62 Committees and Officers of the Synod

To be taken at a time determined by the President.

Synod records its appreciation for –

- (a) the President and his chairmanship,
- (b) the Chair and Deputy Chairs of Committee and their work in the consideration of the text of ordinances,
- (c) members who helped during the session by giving advice and serving the Synod, especially the Chancellor and Deputy Chancellors, Deputy Registrar, Archdeacon to the Archbishop, Acting Registrar, and Chair of Committee, the Synod Secretary and Secretary-designate, as well as the Order of Business and Minute Reading Committees, and
- (d) the services given by the staff of SDS and the Archbishop's Office, Anglican Media, the music team, Bible readers, Wesley staff, and all those who have helped facilitate this session of Synod.

(Archdeacon Kara Hartley / Bishop Peter Lin)

M63 Minutes of 20 September 2022

To be taken at a time determined by the President.

Synod authorises the President to sign the minutes of 20 September 2022 upon the production to the Standing Committee of the certificate of any 2 members of the Minute Reading Committee.

(Mr Daniel Glynn / Archdeacon Simon Flinders)

M64 Synod in the Greenfields

Only to be considered if the procedural at item 5.2 is passed.

Synod gives thanks for the partnership in ministry expressed by Oran Park Anglican College, NewLife Anglican Church, Hope Anglican Church, Grace Anglican Churches, Cobbitty Anglican Church, their staff teams and all the volunteers who served so eagerly to make the Synod in the Greenfields such a wonderful and helpful occasion.

(Bishop Peter Lin / The Rev Dominic Steele)



Timetable for Synod Business

A notation "B#" refers to Bills and "M#" refers to motions per the attached schedule.

* Motions with asterisk on the business paper may be passed on the calling of motions, in which case the scheduling of that motion will lapse.

** Motion M28 may be passed on an additional calling of motions after 5:00 pm.

Tuesday 20 September 2022	
3.15 – 5.45 pm	<p>Bible Study/prayer and Formal matters</p> <p><u>M12: Review of the Nomination Ordinance 2006 (resume debate)</u></p> <p>M7: Approach to meetings of, and financial contributions to, the General Synod</p> <p>M8: Obedience to Jesus' Great Commission</p> <p><u>M23: Gospel Foundation Fund of the Diocese of North West Australia</u></p> <p>* <u>M44: Congratulations to The Rev Darrell Parker on election as the Bishop of North West Australia</u></p> <p>M24: The practice and understanding of baptism</p> <p>** M28: Ministry Wellbeing and Development [<i>after 5.00 pm</i>]</p> <p>M29: Archbishop Desmond Tutu</p> <p>* M41: Support and encouragement for the Heads of schools</p> <p><i>Thereafter, other business as per the business paper</i></p>
7.00 – 9.00 pm	<p><i>Consideration of any scheduled motions not dealt with.</i></p> <p><i>Thereafter, other business as per the business paper</i></p>
9:00 pm	<p><i>Closure motions and hymn</i></p>