

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

Amendments to the Business Paper

Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney

Bible passage: Monday 12 September 2022

Psalm 13

How long, LORD? Will you forget me for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

²How long must I wrestle with my thoughts

and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

³Look on me and answer, LORD my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

⁴and my enemy will say, 'I have overcome him,'

and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

⁵But I trust in your unfailing love;

my heart rejoices in your salvation.

⁶I will sing the LORD's praise,

for he has been good to me.

Amendments to the Business Paper for 10 and 12 September 2022

As at 12 September 2022

(Amendments to this document made since 9 September are indicated with a dashed line in the margin.)

16. Procedural motions

16.2 Arrangements for the scheduling of business

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

'Synod notes that the Timetable for Synod Business sets out the anticipated order of business including –

(a) on Monday 12 September during the evening session, at 7.00 pm, a video presentation of up to 4 minutes from the Anglican Church Growth Corporation to be followed by prayer,

(b) on Tuesday 13 September at 5.25 pm a video and presentation of up to 15 minutes regarding Anglican Schools in the Diocese,

(c) on Wednesday 14 September during the evening session at 7.00 pm, a presentation by the Bishop of Bathurst for up to 10 minutes, and

(d) on Monday 19 September, immediately prior to the dinner break, a video of 1 minute duration, for the 60th anniversary of Anglican Super,

and notes that the Standing Committee has approved –

(e) a presentation from Anglican Community Services (Anglicare) for up to 15 minutes, to be delivered by the CEO, Mr Simon Miller (at a time determined by the President),

(f) the mover of the motion M14 (National Anglican Family Violence Research project) speaking for up to 15 minutes, including time to screen a video of up to 12 minutes duration,

and agrees –

(g) that the mover and seconder of motion M1 (classification of Jamberoo as a Parish) may combine for a joint presentation with visuals for up to 20 minutes, including prayer,

(h) that the mover and seconder of Bill B1 (Church Land Acquisition Levy Ordinance 2022) may combine for a joint presentation including visuals for up to 20 minutes,

(i) that the mover of the motion at M28 (Ministry wellbeing and development) not be called upon to move the motion prior to 5.00 pm on any day of the session,

(j) that the mover of the motion at M21 (Religious Freedom) not be called upon to move the motion until after the formal matters and callover on Monday 19 September 2022,

(k) to reserve the evening of Wednesday 14 September following consideration of matters related to the Diocese of Bathurst, to allow for the conclusion of debate on any matters commenced but not yet concluded earlier in the session,

(l) for the purposes of the presentation on Anglican Schools in the Diocese (paragraph (b), above), to invite the Rev Tim Bowden and Miss Athena Jiang and Master Ben Mallin (students) to present to the Synod during that time,

(m) to consider on Monday 12 September at 7.00 pm the following a motion to be moved by Bishop Peter Hayward and seconded by Archdeacon

Kara Hartley giving thanks for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, followed by prayer led by Archbishop Kanishka Raffel –

'Synod,

- (a) gives thanks to God for the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia,
 - (b) expresses its deep condolence and sympathy to King Charles III and the members of the Royal Family,
 - (c) expresses gratitude for Her Late Majesty's lifetime of faithful service and her constant and steadfast leadership conducted with dignity and warmth throughout those years,
 - (d) gratefully acknowledges Her Late Majesty's public profession of her deep faith in Jesus Christ and her commitment to depending on Him throughout her reign, living faithfully and serving those entrusted to her care,
 - (e) prays for King Charles III and the Royal Family as they mourn the death of Her Late Majesty, and
 - (f) prays that God may bless King Charles III with all wisdom and strength as he reigns as Sovereign of the United Kingdom, Australia and his realms and territories, and as Head of the Commonwealth.'
- (n) to reserve the resolution number 1 of this Synod, for the motion at paragraph (m),
- (o) to adjourn at the dinner break on Monday 19 September 2022 in a mark of respect for Her Late Majesty on the occasion of her funeral, noting that Mission Hour has been rescheduled to 7:00 pm on Wednesday 14 September.'

and suspends so many of the Standing Orders as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Daniel Glynn / Archdeacon Simon Flinders)

17. Tabling and reception of accounts and reports etc

17.1 Annual reports submitted under the *Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995*

Motion will be moved with the inclusion of the following in alphabetical order –

'Arundel House Council'

(Mr Daniel Glynn / Archdeacon Simon Flinders)

17.3 Annual reports due but not yet submitted

This motion will not be moved.

17.4 Standing Committee and other special reports

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

Synod receives the following reports and ~~resolves~~notes that they ~~be~~have ~~been printed at the discretion~~direction of the Standing Committee –

- (1) 2021 Report of the Standing Committee
- (2) 2022 Report of the Standing Committee
- (3) Synod Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2020
- (4) Synod Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2021
- (5) Parish Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2020
- (6) Parish Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2021
- (7) Synod – St Andrew's House Fund Annual Financial Report for 2020

- (8) Synod – St Andrew’s House Fund Annual Financial Report for 2021
- (9) Synod Funding Arrangements
- (10) Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2022 (2/05)
- ~~(10)(11) Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2023 (2/05)~~
- ~~(11)(12) Amendment to *Faithfulness in Service*: A national code for personal behaviour and the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and church workers,~~
- ~~(12)(13) Diocese of Bathurst // Financial support for the Diocese of Bathurst (8/18)~~
- ~~(13)(14) Doctrine Commission Report: The Unchanging Heart of Parochial Incumbency~~
- ~~(14)(15) Domestic Violence Response Monitoring Committee: Progress Report~~
- ~~(15)(16) Gender Representation on Diocesan Boards and Committees (62/19)~~
- ~~(16)(17) GS18: Eighteenth Session of General Synod: The Diocese and the National Church~~
- ~~(17)(18) GS18: Outcomes of the 2022 General Synod~~
- ~~(18)(19) Holding surplus ministry assets in trust for the purposes of the Diocese~~
- ~~(19)(20) Implementation of recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (3/19)~~
- ~~(20)(21) Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese of Sydney~~
- ~~(21)(22) Newmarch House 2020 COVID-19 Outbreak~~
- ~~(22)(23) Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee~~
- ~~(23)(24) Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee (since December 2021)~~
- ~~(24)(25) Pastoral Consultation (Professional Supervision) Recommendation~~
- ~~(25)(1) Reporting on the National Redress Scheme (42/18)~~
- (26) Review of the *Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations*
- (27) Review of Diocesan Investment Strategy
- (28) Review of the *Nomination Ordinance 2006*
- (29) Toward the development of a Diocesan Property Strategy
- (30) Voluntary Assisted Dying
- (31) Jamberoo, Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish to a parish
- (32) Anglican Church Property Trust Annual Report 2020
- (33) Anglican Church Property Trust Annual Report 2022
- ~~(33)(34) Mission Property Committee~~
- ~~(34)(35) Ministry Spouse Support Fund Report Annual Report for 2021~~
- ~~(35)(36) Regional Councils’ Annual Reports for 2020~~
- ~~(36)(37) Regional Councils’ Annual Reports for 2021~~
- (38) Reporting on the National Redress Scheme (42/18) – to 30 June 2021
- ~~(37)(39) Reporting on the National Redress Scheme (Annual Report) (42/18) – to 30 June 2022~~
- ~~(38)(40) Safe Ministry Board and Professional Standards Unit Annual Report 2020-2021~~
- ~~(39)(41) Safe Ministry Board and Professional Standards Unit Annual Report 2021-2022~~
- ~~(40)(42) Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee (2/15)~~
- ~~(41)(43) Explanatory statements and reports on Bills~~

(Mr Daniel Glynn / Archdeacon Simon Flinders)

SCHEDULE: Bills and motions for the consideration of the Synod

I. Motions for ordinances by request of the Standing Committee

B2 Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2022

Synod will be asked to consider the Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2022.

(Bk 2 p.120)

(Mr Michael Easton / The Rev Tom Hargreaves)

Proposed amendments to the text of the Bill in committee

- (1) Amend clause 2 of the Bill as follows –
- (a) omit the text in subclause (i) and insert instead “omit the renumbered clause 12 and renumber the existing clause 12A as clause 12”, and
 - (b) omit subclauses (l) and (m) (with consequential renumbering).

(Bk 2 p.135, line 40; p.136, line 28) (The Rev Mike Doyle / The Rev Roger Fitzhardinge)

B4 Safe Ministry Board Ordinance 2001 Amendment Ordinance 2022

Synod will be asked to consider the Safe Ministry Board Ordinance 2001 Amendment Ordinance 2022 in a form incorporating the following amended form of definition of ‘vulnerable person’ in clause 2 of the Schedule (marked to show changes) –

“vulnerable person” means ~~a child~~ or a person who is 18 years or above who is or may be unable to take care of themselves or protect themselves against harm of exploitation by reason of age, illness, trauma or disability, or any other reason.’

(Bk 2 p.154)

(Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo / Bishop Peter Lin)

B5 Ministry Standards and Safe Ministry Amendment Ordinance 2022

Synod will be asked to consider the Ministry Standards and Safe Ministry Amendment Ordinance 2022 in a form incorporating the following amendment –

‘Omit paragraph 2(o).’

(Bk 2 p.163, line 39)

(Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo / Bishop Peter Lin)

B6 Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2022

Mr John Pascoe will second the motion.

B7 Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2022

Mr John Pascoe will second the motion.

B8 Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 and Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2022

Synod will be asked to consider the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 and Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2022 in a form incorporating the following amended form of clause 3(f) (marked to show changes) –

(f) insert a new clause 8D as follows –

8D. Regional Bishops, Nominated Ministers and Parochial Ministers who are acting rectors

(1) A Regional Bishop or Nominated Minister who is an acting rector of one or more Parochial Units is not a member of Synod as a Parochial Minister while he remains a member of the Synod as a Regional Bishop or Nominated Minister.

(2) A Parochial Minister who is licensed as the rector of a Parochial Unit while also licensed as an acting rector of any other Parochial Unit is not a member of Synod as a Parochial Minister of the Parochial Unit(s) of which he is licensed as acting rector.

(3) A Regional Bishop, Nominated Minister or Parochial Minister to whom subclause 8D(1) or (2) applies may not appoint an alternate under subclause 8A(1) for the Parochial Minister of any Parochial Unit of which they are an acting rector.

(4) Notwithstanding subclauses 8D(1) and (2), a Regional Bishop, Nominated Minister or Parochial Minister to whom one of those subclauses apply –

(a) may appoint a Minister licenced to the Parochial Unit(s) of which they are acting rector to be the alternate for the Parochial Minister of that Parochial Unit for a session of the Synod by giving a notice to the Registrar in accordance with clause 8A(2), and

(b) is deemed to be the Parochial Minister of the Parochial Unit(s) for the purposes of subclauses 8A(2), (3) and 8C.’

(Bk 2 p.197)

(Bishop Michael Stead / Mr Daniel Glynn)

 **B9 General Synod – Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) (Amendment) Canon 2022 Adopting Ordinance 2022**

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III. Other motions by request of the Standing Committee

 **M5 Recognising local Indigenous history**

The Rev Michael Duckett will second the motion.

 **M6 Withdrawal from fellowship in national or provincial contexts**

The Rev Dr Mark Earngey will move the motion in place of Dr Robert Tong AM, and will do so 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 our church exposed at the eighteenth session of General Synod on matters of doctrine and human sexuality, and –

(a) ~~supports any decision by~~ recognises that as a consequence the Archbishop of Sydney, along with the assistant bishops, may choose to withdraw from fellowship in particular national or provincial church contexts, and

(b) recommends that the Archbishop, with the assistant bishops, engage other orthodox bishops and convene a meeting with a view to how they may act in concert with one another in response to the broken fellowship.

(The Rev Dr Mark Earngey / Dr Robert Tong AM)



M7 Approach to meetings of, and financial contributions to, the General Synod

Dr Laurie 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 our church exposed at the eighteenth session of General Synod on matters of doctrine and human sexuality₁ and –

- (a) 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,
- (b) 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,
- (c) commits to praying for the repentance of those Bishops who voted against Biblical marriage at the eighteenth session of the General Synod,
- (d) commits to prayerfully support orthodox Anglicans both within the Anglican Church of Australia and within the new Diocese of the Southern Cross,
- ~~(a)~~(e) 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
- ~~(b)~~(f) 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.

~~and provide a 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)



M11 Voluntary Assisted Dying

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

Synod, noting the report 'Voluntary Assisted Dying' –

- (a) reaffirms the principled and continuing opposition of the Sydney Diocese of the Anglican Church to euthanasia or physician assisted suicide, because ~~#~~ these practices –
 - (i) are prohibited by the sixth commandment, forbidding murder,
 - ~~(i)~~(ii) is-are a threat to the safety and well being of the most vulnerable in our society,
 - ~~(ii)~~(iii) overturns-overturn the ethics of medicine and health care,
 - ~~(iii)~~(iv) undermines-undermine the need to provide adequate and appropriate palliative care to all Australians, irrespective of who they are or where they reside, and
 - ~~(iv)~~(v) is-are opposed by all faiths, including Christianity, that share belief in the sanctity of life,
- (b) notes that –
 - (i) the NSW *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022* will commence in eighteen months' time,
 - (ii) in the meantime the Archbishop has established a Working Group to provide operationally informed guidance to the Board of Anglican Community Services (**Anglicare Sydney**), and the Archbishop as

President of Anglicare Sydney, and other Anglican organisations on the theological issues and implications of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022*, and

- (iii) the Working Group invites comments from members of Synod on the theological issues and implications of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022* by no later than 14 October 2022. Comments should be sent by email to DiocesanSecretary@sydney.anglican.asn.au,
- (c) laments that although the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022* makes some allowance for faith-based organisations to refuse to participate directly in euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, it requires that residential aged care facilities grant external health practitioners unhindered access for the purposes of administering a Voluntary Assisted Dying substance or to deliver a Voluntary Assisted Dying substance for purposes of self-administration, which constitutes a provocative and potentially intolerable infringement of religious freedom~~condemns the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act* for imposing on faith-based organisations opposed to euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide, a legal obligation to facilitate, support or permit euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide, as an egregious assault on religious freedom, and~~
- (d) calls on the NSW Government to administer the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022* in such a manner as to permit faith-based organisations, including residential aged care providers, who oppose euthanasia or physician assisted suicide on the grounds of institutional conscientious objection, not to participate in or facilitate in any way, ~~facilitate or permit~~ euthanasia or physician assisted suicide in or at their premises, facilities or services ~~in any way~~.

(Bk 2 p.116)

(Mr Simon Miller / Bishop Michael Stead)

○ ○ M12 Review of the *Nomination Ordinance 2006*

Canon Craig Roberts will move the motion in the following form (marked to show changes) –

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)

(Canon Craig Roberts / Mrs Kirsty Bucknell)

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.'

(Professor Bernard Stewart AM)

● ○ M14 National Anglican Family Violence Research project

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

Synod, ~~acknowledging~~ noting the reports of the National Anglican Family Violence Research Project (**NAFVP**) tabled at the recent General Synod –

- (i) National Anglican Family Violence Research Report,
 - (ii) NAFVP Prevalence Study Report,
 - (iii) NAFVP Clergy and Lay Leaders Study Report, and
 - (iv) NAFVP Experience Study Report,
- (a) notes the 28 findings of the Research Project,

- (b) continues to lament the violence which has been suffered by some of our members and continues to repent of the part we have played in allowing an environment where violence went unaddressed,
- (c) notes the adoption the Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence, and the creation of the Families and Cultures Commission by the General Synod as a means to help drive change in the national church, and

refers the material to the Domestic Violence Monitoring Committee, and requests that the Committee bring a report to the first session of the 53rd Synod responding to the matters raised in the Reports and recommendations on strategies proposed by the Ten Commitments, as part of the wider review of our Synod's existing "Responding to Domestic Abuse: Policy and Good Practice Guidelines".

(Dr Karin Sowada / Dean Sandy Grant)

M17 Holding surplus ministry assets in trust for the purposes of the Diocese

Synod, noting the report 'Holding surplus ministry assets in trust for the purposes of the Diocese', endorses the Standing Committee policy on Variations of Trusts after Parish Amalgamation.

(Bk 5 p.519)

(Bishop Michael Stead / The Rev Graeme Howells)

Proposed amendments

- (1) Immediately prior to the final full stop, insert the following –
 - 'subject to Scenario 4 of the draft policy being omitted, and any amalgamations that were to fall under Scenario 4 being handled under Scenario 3 instead'.

(Mr Malcolm Purvis / The Rev Mike Doyle)

M18 Financial support for the Diocese of Bathurst

Synod agrees in principle to provide financial support of \$250,000 per year towards the costs of a Bishop and his registrar for the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst for a period of six years from 2025, subject to the Bishop of Bathurst during that time having the written support of the Archbishop of Sydney.

(Bk 5 p.507)

(Bishop Michael Stead / Dr Karin Sowada)

Proposed amendments

- (1) Insert the following matter immediately prior to the full-stop at the end of the motion –
 - ' , and provision, to each ordinary session of our Synod, of a full acquittal for the use of the funds being provided by our Diocese.'

(Ms Lyn Bannerman)

M19 Implementation of recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Bishop Michael Stead will second the motion.

M20 Diocese of the Southern Cross

Synod welcomes the establishment of the Diocese of The Southern Cross as an Anglican extra-provincial Diocese under the auspices of the Gafcon Primates' Council and encourages the

Standing Committee to foster, nurture and strengthen the bonds of fellowship with the Diocese of The Southern Cross in the common goal of proclaiming Christ to Australia.

(Dr Robert Tong AM / Dr Laurie Scandrett)

Proposed amendments

- (1) Amend the motion as follows –
 - (a) omit the word “welcomes” and insert instead the words “recognises with godly grief”, and
 - (b) after the words “fellowship with the Diocese of The Southern Cross”, insert the matter, “while at the same time, striving in accordance with our Lord’s commandment concerning those of the household of faith, to contribute to resolution of differences between dioceses that have prompted formation of Diocese of the South Cross”.

(Professor Bernard Stewart AM)

○○ **M23 Gospel Foundation Fund of the Diocese of North West Australia**

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.

(Dr Laurie Scandrett / Dr Robert Tong AM)

Proposed amendments

- (1) Insert a new sentence at the end of the motion as follows –

‘Synod further requests that a report be provided to each ordinary session of Synod 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).’

(Ms Lyn Bannerman)

V. Motions deferred by the previous ordinary session of Synod

○○ **M24 The practice and understanding of baptism**

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

○○ M27 Adequacy of clergy superannuation contribution rates

Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo will second the motion.

○○ M30 Support for Gafcon Tanzania

The Rev Jodie McNeill will move the motion in place of Mr Eddie Ozols and Canon Tim Swan will second the motion.

○○ M31 Gaming Machine Reform for NSW Parliament

Synod notes that –

- (i) Australia has the world's worst rate of gambling losses per capita, with gaming machines ("the pokies") causing the significant majority of those losses, being home to less than half a percent of the world's population but with 20 percent of its pokies,
- (ii) gaming machines alone cause half the losses of all forms of gambling in Australia,
- (iii) the Productivity Commission reported over a decade ago that about 40% of all losses on gaming machines come from problem gamblers,
- (iv) recent research sponsored by federal, state and territory governments reported that the prevalence of problem gambling has doubled over the last decade,
- (v) NSW has almost double (or worse) the rate per capita of gaming machine losses compared to every other state and territory,
- (vi) the worst gaming machines losses are concentrated in the poorest LGAs in Sydney, and
- (vii) NSW Treasury budget papers project gambling taxes on gaming devices alone in clubs and hotels to grow to over \$2 billion in the next financial year, with an average annual growth rate of 12.55% over the next four years, while gambling taxation also increases as a share of NSW Government revenue.

So Synod laments that NSW and its government has the biggest and most destructive gambling addiction in the world and a growing reliance on a regressive form of taxation.

Synod also notes that the Bible says "Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honours God" (Proverbs 14:31), and it also reminds rulers to "Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy" (Proverbs 31:9).

Therefore in light of the enormous losses on gaming machines, Synod urges the NSW State Parliament to consider urgently –

- (a) implementation of \$1 bet limits on all poker machines (recommended by Productivity Commission),
- (b) implementation of a cashless gaming smart card system (commended by the Bergin Inquiry),
- (c) more extensive compulsory shut down periods for all poker machines, for example between midnight and 10am,
- (d) limiting the maximum number of gaming machines in clubs,
- (e) giving local councils the right to limit the number of gaming machines in their LGA, and
- (f) as an immediate initial step, mandating that all future electronic gaming device technology (including the gaming devices themselves and any gambling card technology) be capable of implementing such measures.

Synod requests the Diocesan Secretary to advise all members of the NSW Parliament of the terms of this resolution.

Synod further requests the Dean of Sydney to communicate the terms of this resolution directly to the Premier and Opposition Leader of NSW and to urge a bipartisan approach towards reforms that ensure more effective harm minimisation from problem gambling on gaming machines.

(Dean Sandy Grant / Mr Jim Wackett)

Proposed amendments

- (1) In paragraph (vi) –
 - (a) omit the word, 'are', and insert instead the words, 'tend to be', and
 - (b) omit the words, 'in Sydney'.

(Canon Mark Smith / Mrs Stacey Chapman)

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Timetable for Synod Business

The timetable for Monday 12 September 2022 is amended as shown in the following tracked form:

Monday 12 September 2022	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer and Formal matters (items 7-17) M14: National Anglican Family Violence Research Project presentation <i>Thereafter, other business as per the business paper</i>
4.30 – 5.10 pm	B6: Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2022 B7: Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2022 <i>Thereafter, other business as per the business paper</i>
5.10 – 5.30 pm	M1: Jamberoo: Classification as a Parish
7.00 pm +	<u>Motion and prayer giving thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth II</u> Presentation: Anglican Church Growth Corporation M16: Toward the development of a Diocesan Property Strategy B1: Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2022 M17: Holding surplus ministry assets in trust for the purposes of the Diocese <i>Thereafter, other business as per the business paper</i>

The timetable for Wednesday 14 September 2022 is amended as shown in the following tracked form:

Wednesday 14 September 2022	
3.15 – 5.45 pm	Bible Study/prayer and Formal matters M6: Withdrawal from fellowship in national or provincial context M7: Approach to meetings of, and financial contributions to, the General Synod M8: Obedience to Jesus' Great Commission M20: Diocese of the Southern Cross <i>Thereafter, other business as per the business paper</i>
7.00 pm +	<u>Mission Hour</u> Presentation: Diocese of Bathurst (Bishop Mark Calder) M18: Financial support for the Diocese of Bathurst <i>Thereafter, reserved for business commenced but not yet completed</i>

The timetable for Monday 19 September 2022 is amended as shown in the following tracked form:

Monday 19 September 2022	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer and Formal matters <i>Thereafter, other business as per the business paper</i>
4.30 – 5.40 pm	M4: Review of Diocesan Investment Strategy <i>Thereafter, other business as per the business paper</i>
5.40 – 5:45 pm	Presentation: Anglican Super
7.00 – 8.00 pm	Mission hour
8.00 pm +	Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

