

# 51<sup>st</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Sydney

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session

### Minutes of Proceedings of the Synod for Monday 15 October 2018

#### 1. Assembly

The Synod assembled in the Wesley Theatre at 3.15 pm.

#### 2. Prayers

Prayers were read by the Registrar, Mr Doug Marr.

#### 3. Procedural motions

##### 3.1 Commencement of business and Presidential Address

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

‘Synod –

- (a) notes that the Presidential Address will be delivered from 4.30 pm, and
- (b) suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent this arrangement.’

Seconded and carried

##### 3.2 Amendment to the business paper for Monday 15 October 2018

Having been granted leave, Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

‘Synod permits the alteration of today’s business paper in the manner set out on the paper circulated to Synod members headed “Amendments to the business paper for Monday 15 October 2018”.’

Seconded and carried

#### 4. List of members of the Synod

The President tabled a copy of the list of members of the Synod.

#### 5. Document appointing a Commissary

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

#### 6. Elections

##### 6.1 Secretary of the Synod

Mr Doug Marr moved –

‘Synod hereby elects Mr Daniel Glynn to be Secretary of the Synod.’

Seconded and carried

## 6.2 Committee for the Order of Business

Mr Doug Marr moved –

'Synod notes the resignation of Bishop Ivan Lee as a member of the Committee for the Order of Business and hereby elects Bishop Chris Edwards in his place, for the duration of the 51<sup>st</sup> Synod.'

Seconded and carried

## 6.3 Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney

Mr Doug Marr moved –

'Under section 12 of the *Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917*, the Synod declares a vacancy in the offices of members of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney for Mr Glynn M Evans, who has come to the end of his term of office, noting that Mr Wayne Bramley is the only person who has been nominated in anticipation of this vacancy being declared.'

Seconded and carried

## 6.4 Uncontested Elections

The list of the uncontested elections was tabled and the President declared the persons named to be elected.

## 7. Tabling of the minute book of the Standing Committee

The minute book of the Standing Committee was tabled.

## 8. Petitions

There were no petitions.

## 9. Questions

Questions were asked by the following members –

- (1) Mr Peter M G Young
- (2) Mr Peter M G Young
- (3) Mr Peter M G Young
- (4) The Rev Dr Raj Gupta
- (5) Dr Helen Bendall
- (6) Dr Helen Bendall
- (7) Ms Lyn Bannerman
- (8) Ms Lyn Bannerman
- (9) The Rev Dr Max Wood
- (10) Dr David Oakenfull
- (11) Mrs Sarah Manning
- (12) Mr Garry Allen
- (13) The Rev Gavin Parsons
- (14) The Rev Roger Cunningham
- (15) The Rev Philip Bradford
- (16) The Rev Anthony Douglas
- (17) The Rev Anthony Douglas
- (18) The Rev Ed Vaughan

- (19) Mrs Ann McLean
- (20) Mr Stephen Hodgkinson
- (21) Mr Stephen Hodgkinson
- (22) The Rev Dr Antony Barraclough
- (23) Mr David Ashton

## 10. Procedural motions

### 10.1 Arrangements for the scheduling of business

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

'Synod –

- (a) agrees in principle to deal with its business in accordance with the Timetable for Synod Business including –
  - (i) a 10 minute video prepared by New Churches for New Communities and the Mission Property Committee, on Tuesday 16 October 2018 following the callover of motions,
  - (ii) a presentation for up to 10 minutes from the EOS Committee regarding the future residence for the Archbishop, on Wednesday 17 October 2018 following the callover of motions,
  - (iii) a 3 minute video prepared by the Anglican Education Commission on Wednesday 17 October 2018, immediately prior to the dinner break, and
  - (iv) a 2 minute video prepared by Youthworks followed by prayer, on Tuesday 23 October 2018 following the callover of motions,
- (b) requests that the Committee for the Order of Business bring to the Synod at the beginning of each day any recommendations about amending the Timetable for Synod Business in light of the progress of business, and
- (c) suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements, or as would prevent the Synod from considering any recommendations from the Committee for the Order of Business.'

Seconded and carried

### 10.2 Arrangements concerning Daily Papers and amendments

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

'Synod –

- (a) notes that it is proposed to prepare and print Daily Papers (usually including the Business Paper and Amendment Sheet) in a consolidated form and provide them to members in the foyer of the Wesley Theatre from 2.15 pm on each day,
- (b) notes that the Daily Papers will be posted on the SDS website, [www.sds.asn.au](http://www.sds.asn.au) as soon as they are finalised,
- (c) in order to facilitate this process, agrees that amendments for inclusion in an Amendment Sheet for any day of the session must be received by the Synod Secretary (either on paper or by email sent to [synodbusiness@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:synodbusiness@sydney.anglican.asn.au)) in a substantially complete form by 11.00 am to be included on the Amendment Sheet for that day, and
- (d) notes that amendments received by the Synod Secretary after that time or which are not in a substantially complete form may, where feasible, be projected on the overhead screen in the Wesley Theatre (if required to be considered on that day) but will otherwise be included on the Amendment Sheet for the following day.'

Seconded and carried

### 10.3 Arrangements concerning moving amendments to motions

Mr Michael Meek SC moved –

'Synod, noting that special arrangements for the consideration of amendments to motions similar to those following were trialled at its last session with a view to incorporating them into the Synod business rules if deemed successful –

- (a) agrees to the following arrangements at this session of the Synod –
  - (i) after a principal motion has been moved and seconded, any amendments which appear on the day's Amendment Sheet (priority amendments) will be moved and seconded in the order determined by the President,
  - (ii) after any priority amendments have been moved and seconded, debate on the principal motion, including any priority amendments, will proceed in the following way –
    - (A) a member who wishes to speak in the debate on the principal motion or move an amendment to the principal motion or an amendment to an amendment may only do so if called by the President,
    - (B) the mover of a priority amendment may not speak again in the debate on the principal motion or move a further amendment to the principal motion or an amendment to an amendment without leave of the Synod, and
    - (C) if a member formally seconds a priority amendment, the member is not regarded as having spoken in the debate on the principal motion,
- (b) agrees to schedule the following motion as the first item of business on the last day of this session of Synod, unless passed on the callover on that day –
  - “Synod –
    - (a) encourages Members to provide comments regarding the trial arrangements concerning moving amendments to motions to the Diocesan Secretary by 30 November 2018, and
    - (b) requests the Standing Committee, in light of comments received from Synod Members, to consider bringing a Bill to amend the *Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000* to the next ordinary session of Synod having the effect of incorporating the arrangements for the consideration of amendments to motions that were trialled at this session.”, and
  - (c) suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.’

Seconded and carried

#### 10.4 **Consideration of General Synod – Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 Assenting Ordinance 2018**

Dr Robert Tong AM moved –

'Synod, pursuant to business rule 5.2(3)(d), permits the *General Synod – Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 Assenting Ordinance 2018* to be introduced without the required notice for assenting to a constitution amendment canon under rule 5.2(3)(c).'

Seconded and carried

#### 10.5 **Arrangements for Voluntary Relinquishment of Incumbency**

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

'Synod agrees to schedule debate on the proposed policy at B7 (Policy on Voluntary Relinquishment of Incumbency) for Tuesday 16 October 2018 from 4:30 pm and, if passed as a policy of the Synod, to consider the motion at M3 (Voluntary Relinquishment of Incumbency) immediately thereafter.'

Seconded and carried

#### 10.6 **Arrangements for consideration of motion relating to Indigenous ministry in the Diocese**

Mr Tony Willis moved –

'Synod –

- (a) agrees to schedule debate on the motion at M17 (Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese) for 17 October at 4:30 pm,
- (b) agrees to a presentation lasting up to 20 minutes on behalf of the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee (SAIPMC) as an introduction to the debate and invites the Chairman of SAIPMC Archdeacon Deryck Howell and Mr Nathaniel Naden to address the Synod as part of that presentation, and
- (c) suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.'

Seconded and carried

#### 10.7 Arrangements for consideration of the Property Receipts Levy

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

'Synod, for the purpose of considering the motion regarding the Property Receipts Levy and a Bill for an ordinance to implement the Property Receipts Levy, agrees to the following arrangements –

- (a) debate on the motion at M10 (Property Receipts Levy based on gross property income) to be scheduled for immediately following the dinner break on Tuesday 16 October 2018,
- (b) the mover and seconder of the motion may combine for a joint presentation for up to 10 minutes,
- (c) the Rev Craig Roberts and Bishop Michael Stead may provide a joint presentation for up to 10 minutes opposing the motion immediately after the mover and seconder have spoken,
- (d) a time for questions is to follow, where the questions may be answered by any of the mover or seconder, or Mr Roberts or Bishop Stead, as appropriate to the question,
- (e) following the conclusion of debate on the motion, the mover and seconder are to be allowed up to five minutes (in total) for summation, following which Mr Roberts and Bishop Stead are to be allowed up to five minutes (in total) for summation,
- (f) following the conclusion of consideration of the motion –
  - (i) if the motion is carried in a form that expresses Synod's support for a levy based on gross property income, to consider forthwith the Bill at B9 (Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018 – Gross) for an ordinance to implement the Property Receipts Levy based on Gross property income rather than the alternative Bill, or
  - (ii) if the motion is not carried, or is carried in an amended form expressing Synod's support for a levy based on Net property income, to consider forthwith the form of Bill at B8 (Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018 – Net) for an ordinance to implement the Property Receipts Levy based on Net property income, incorporating the amendments recommended by the Standing Committee as shown in marked form on the Bill, and
- (g) if the Bill at B8 (Property Receipts Levy Ordinance 2018 – Net) is passed, to consider the following motion immediately thereafter –
 

"Synod, noting the report *Property Receipts Levy: Form of calculation and mechanism for debate at Synod*, requests the Standing Committee to include on the Property Income Worksheet for the calculation of the Property Receipts Levy, a deduction for the property insurance component of the PCR charge based on the formula proposed in the report.", and
- (h) suspends so many of the business rules that would prevent these arrangements.'

Seconded and carried

#### 10.8 Arrangements for consideration of the Responding to Domestic Abuse Policy

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

'Synod agrees to consider the motion at M12 (Responding to Domestic Abuse: Policy and Good Practice Guidelines) immediately following consideration of the proposed policy at B10 (Sydney Anglican Policy on Responding to Domestic Abuse).'

Seconded and carried

#### 10.9 Arrangements for consideration of the Property Use Policy

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

'Synod agrees to consider the proposed policy at B12 (Property Use Policy) immediately following the consideration of the Bill at B11 (Sydney Anglican Use of Church Property Ordinance 2018).'

Seconded and carried

#### 10.10 Arrangements for consideration of the Proposal to provide Financial support for the Diocese of Bathurst

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

'Synod –

- (a) agrees to schedule debate on the motion at M9 (Financial support for the Diocese of Bathurst) for 7:00 pm on Monday 15 October 2018,
- (b) requests, that if the motion at M9 is not passed, that a suitable amendment is printed on the Amendment Sheet for Tuesday 16 October 2018 which would remove the allocation of funds to the Diocese of Bathurst from the Bill at B1 (the Synod Allocations and Appropriations Ordinance 2018), and
- (c) suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.'

Seconded and carried

### 11. Notices of Motions

Notices of motions were given by the following members –

- (1) The Rev Dr Raj Gupta
- (2) The Rev Tom Melbourne
- (3) The Rev Simon Flinders
- (4) The Rev Dr Mark Thompson
- (5) Mr James Flavin
- (6) Mr James Flavin
- (7) The Rev Michael Doyle
- (8) The Rev Gavin Parsons
- (9) Dean Kanishka Raffel
- (10) Dean Kanishka Raffel
- (11) Bishop Chris Edwards
- (12) The Rev Gary O'Brien
- (13) The Rev Andrew Bruce

### 12. Calling of motions on the business paper

The President called the motions in order in which they appeared on the business paper, except those motions about a proposed ordinance or those motions to be considered at a time fixed by the Synod.

#### 12.1 Annual reports submitted under the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

'Synod notes that the following annual reports submitted under the *Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995* have been tabled and receives them –

- (1) Abbotsleigh, The Council of
- (2) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney as trustee for the Community Building Partnership Grant Fund \*
- (3) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney as trustee for the Endowment of the See Capital Fund
- (4) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney as trustee for the Long Term Pooling Fund
- (5) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney as trustee for the Mission Property Fund
- (6) Anglican Community Services \*
- (7) Anglican Education Commission
- (8) Anglican Media Council
- (9) Anglican Schools Corporation \*
- (10) Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney (Youthworks) \*
- (11) Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid, The \*
- (12) Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid, The, as trustee of the Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Ministry Fund \*
- (13) Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid, The, as trustee of the Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund \*
- (14) Archbishop of Sydney's Discretionary Trust
- (15) Arden Anglican School Council
- (16) Arundel House Council
- (17) Barker College, The Council of
- (18) Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council \*
- (19) Endowment of the See Committee – Expenditure Fund
- (20) Evangelism and New Churches, The Board of
- (21) Georges River Regional Council
- (22) Glebe Administration Board as trustee of the Diocesan Endowment
- (23) Illawarra Grammar School Council, The \*
- (24) Macarthur Anglican Church School Council, The
- (25) Ministry Training and Development Council
- (26) Moore Theological College Council \*
- (27) Northern Regional Council
- (28) St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter
- (29) St Andrew's Cathedral School, The Council of
- (30) St Andrew's House Corporation as trustee of the St Andrew's House Trust
- (31) St Catherine's School Waverley, Council of
- (32) South Sydney Regional Council
- (33) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee
- (34) Sydney Anglican Loans Board
- (35) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore)
- (36) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
- (37) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
- (38) The Illawarra Grammar School Council \*
- (39) The King's School, The Council of
- (40) Trinity Grammar School Council
- (41) Western Sydney Regional Council
- (42) William Branwhite Clarke College Council \*
- (43) Wollongong Regional Council'

Seconded and carried

## 12.2 Standing Committee and other special reports

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

'Synod receives the following reports and resolves that they be printed at the discretion of the Standing Committee –

- (1) 2018 Report of the Standing Committee
- (2) Parish Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2017
- (3) Synod Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2017
- (4) Synod – St Andrew's House Fund Financial Report for 1 September 2017 to 31 December 2017
- (5) Regional Councils' Annual Reports for 2017

- (6) An Evangelical Episcopate / Purpose and Nature of Episcopal Leadership (6/15)
- (7) Anglican Church Property Trust Annual Report 2018
- (8) Appointment of Assistant Ministers and Stipendiary Lay Workers (22/17)
- (9) Consultation on Anglicare's delivery of welfare and support services
- (10) Ethical Investment Policy
- (11) GAFCON 2018
- (12) Gender Identity Initial Principles of Engagement (23/17) / Development of a final form of diocesan policy for gender identity issues (24/17)
- (13) Gender representation on Diocesan boards and committees (27/17)
- (14) General Synod 2017 Legislation
- (15) Human Sexuality Pastoral Guidelines
- (16) Let's rediscover corporate worship and prayer
- (17) Licensing of Incumbents – Final Report
- (18) Mission Property Committee
- (19) Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee
- (20) Proposal to financially support the Diocese of Bathurst
- (21) Rouse Hill, Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish to a parish
- (22) Safe Ministry Board and Professional Standards Unit Annual Report
- (23) Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2019
- (24) Strategy & Research Group Annual Report 2018
- (25) Surry Hills, Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish to a parish
- (26) Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee
- (27) Workload related burnout (4/17)
- (28) Explanatory statements and reports on Bills and proposed policies'

Seconded and carried

### 12.3 The Archbishop of Sydney's Bishop for International Relations

Dr Robert Tong AM moved –

'Synod –

- (a) notes that 7 June 2019 will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appointment of Bishop Peter Tasker as the Archbishop of Sydney's Bishop for International Relations,
- (b) thanks Peter for his industrious ministry in this role as he has travelled extensively to develop and maintain close personal relationships with Diocesan Bishops and others in various provinces, especially in Asia and Africa,
- (c) thanks Peter's wife, Joan, for the support she has given to Peter as he has undertaken these tasks, often involving extensive travel in difficult circumstances and considerable absences from home,
- (d) encourages Peter to remain in this role for as long as he and the Archbishop consider it appropriate,
- (e) expresses its appreciation to the then Archbishop, Dr Peter Jensen for creating this role and making this appointment,
- (f) encourages the Archbishop, together with the Standing Committee as appropriate, to consider how the ministry of the Diocese of Sydney can be enhanced by appointment of skilled persons to innovative ministry roles.'

Seconded and carried

### 12.4 Healthy Parish Relationship Guidelines

The Rev Phil Wheeler moved –

'Synod, noting the report *33/17 Licensing of Incumbents – Final report* –

- (a) approves Healthy Parish Relationships Guidelines included as Attachment 1 to the report, and asks that these Guidelines be made available on a suitable website and promoted through –
  - (i) the Developing Rectors course,
  - (ii) a post-AGM circular to wardens (utilising the contact details in Salesforce), and

- (iii) online training delivered by agencies such as the Centre for Ministry Development and Ministry Training & Development, and
- (b) asks the Registrar to include in the Guidelines for Nominators provided to parish nominators in accordance with Clause 41 of the *Nominations Ordinance 2006* some possible questions about the matters raised in the report.'

Seconded and carried

## 12.5 Strengthening Child Sexual Abuse Laws in NSW

Mr Lachlan Bryant moved –

'Synod welcomes the changes made by the NSW Parliament in June 2018 to strengthen laws in relation to child sexual abuse and thanks the Attorney General for introducing these changes.

Synod notes the changes include two new offences being –

- (a) a person's failure to report child sexual abuse, and
- (b) a person's failure to protect a child, when having authority to reduce the risk of child abuse by another person does not appropriately or adequately exercise that authority.'

Seconded and carried

## 12.6 People affected by disability

Having been granted leave, the Rev Phil Wheeler moved –

'Synod, noting Resolution 34/09 which, among other things –

- (a) recognised "that for people with disabilities, their families and carers, daily life can be practically, financially, socially and emotionally more difficult than it is for most people", and
- (b) called on parishes to "develop and implement a plan to remove those obstacles that currently prevent people affected by disability from hearing the gospel and sharing in Christian fellowship",

requests the Standing Committee in consultation with Dr Louise Gosbell (who was involved in Resolution 34/09 through a survey in 2010) to survey parishes regarding the implementation of the request of resolution 34/09, and provide a report to the next ordinary session of Synod.

Further, Synod notes that a number of parishes have established the Jesus Club for adults with intellectual disabilities and commends the Jesus Club as one model of ministry to people with disabilities, able to provide opportunities to share the gospel and provide fellowship.'

Seconded and carried

## 12.7 Evangelism and New Churches' support for evangelism in parishes

The Rev Craig Schafer moved –

'Synod –

- (i) praises God for the wonderful news of the Gospel; rejoicing in the message that Christ Jesus died for our sins and rose for our justification, that all people who trust in Him might be saved,
- (ii) praises God for the privilege of sharing in the spread of that Gospel to our city and the world,
- (iii) gives thanks to God for the evangelical character of our Diocese and especially the way that Gospel proclamation and evangelism has always been at the very centre of our mission, and
- (iv) gives thanks to God for the ministry of Evangelism and New Churches (formerly the Department of Evangelism) and the work it has done over many years to encourage churches in evangelism, equip church members for the

task of evangelism, raise up and deploy evangelists to preach the Good News in many and various settings and more recently support and foster church planting.

Accordingly, Synod strongly supports ENC's policy 4: regrow mission and the evangelistic edge of existing churches and requests –

- (a) ENC to prioritise development and execution of concrete strategies to encourage, support and equip parishes in their evangelism, and
- (b) Standing Committee –
  - (i) to identify ways that ENC might be better equipped and funded to increase that area of its work that focuses on policy 4 and encouraging, supporting and equipping parishes in their evangelism, and
  - (ii) to prioritise funding of that work when additional funds become available over this triennium and in determining future funding principles and priorities.'

Seconded and carried

## 12.8 Appreciation for the Anglicare Family and Domestic Violence Advisor

The Rev Mark Tough moved –

'Synod acknowledges the work being done by Ms Lynda Dunstan, the Anglicare Family and Domestic Violence Advisor, and –

- (a) gives thanks to God for –
  - (i) the 13 training programs that Ms Dunstan has delivered to churches,
  - (ii) the support that Ms Dunstan has provided, in conjunction with the Rev Cath Wynn Jones of the PSU, to ministry wives who have been victims of domestic abuse,
  - (iii) Ms Dunstan's exploration of the possibility of establishing a support group for ministry wives addressing areas specifically associated with spiritual abuse,
  - (iv) the training Ms Dunstan has provided for those involved in ESL ministry, and
- (b) encourages churches to make contact with Ms Dunstan as part of their ongoing training and development in understanding of Domestic Abuse and implementation of the Domestic Abuse policy in their churches.'

Seconded and carried

## 13. Motions

### 13.1 "Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_"

Canon Sandy Grant moved –

'This Synod gives thanks for the gospel cooperation evident in "Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_." mission held throughout the entire Wollongong Region of the Diocese during March 2018. This was an answer to many people's prayers.

Specifically, the Synod is grateful to God for the initiative of the Bishop of Wollongong, Peter Hayward, and the hard work in planning and coordination of the Mission Area Leaders of Shoalhaven, Southern Highlands, Lake Illawarra, Wollongong, Macarthur and Sutherland Shire areas. We are glad for the way this was followed up by local initiative and cooperation from Anglican parishes, schools and organisations like Anglicare, and for the exceptional mission "boost" received from the visit of the entire body of Moore College mission teams across the region. We rejoice in the diversity of events and initiatives in training and outreach taken with a view to get people talking about Jesus, noting a helpful combination of centralised theme and local variety. And we especially give thanks for many local church members who took additional steps in 'going public' for Jesus.

Although numbers do not by any means capture the total effect of the mission, we note –

- that over 11,500 people in the Wollongong region attended outreach events, including 2,000 at various performances of The Mark Drama, including 700 visitors;

- that almost 10,000 students heard the gospel in schools across the region, approximately 50/50 in public and Anglican school;
- that over 6,500 handouts were delivered to commuters at train stations across our region;
- that over 90,000 flyers were delivered to letterboxes or otherwise distributed;
- that 8,500 “Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_.” items of merchandise were sold and distributed;
- that an estimated 8,000 extra conversations about Jesus were reported over the month;
- that 450 decisions for Christ, including new commitments and recommitments, were expressed through the mission;
- and that an estimated 2,500 new contacts were made by our churches and organisations, including 350 or so people newly (or newly back) in church.

Synod gives thanks to God for the immeasurable work of the Holy Spirit in individual people’s lives, bringing people to faith in Jesus for the first time and increasing courage in faith for existing disciples of Jesus.

Synod also gives thanks to God for the fine qualities and hard work displayed by the students, faculty and chaplains of Moore Theological College on mission in the Wollongong Region.

And Synod commends consideration of similar regional evangelistic campaigns in other regions of the Diocese, building upon insights and lessons learned from the “Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_.” mission.’

Seconded and carried

#### 14. Presidential Address

The President delivered his address to the Synod.

#### Adjournment

At 5.15 pm, Mr Doug Marr moved –

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

Seconded and carried

#### Resumption

The Synod resumed at 7.00 pm.

#### 15. Motions

##### 15.1 Financial support for the Diocese of Bathurst

Dr Karin Sowada moved –

‘Synod, noting the report *Proposal to financially support the Diocese of Bathurst*, 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, subject to the Bishop of Bathurst during that time having the written support of the Archbishop of Sydney.’

Seconded

There was a time for questions about the motion.

The Rev Nigel Fortescue moved as an amendment to Dr Sowada's motion –

'Insert the words "up to" prior to the words "six years".'

Dr Barry Newman moved as an amendment to Dr Sowada's motion –

'Delete all the words appearing after the words, "six years".'

The Rev Andrew Sempell moved as an amendment to Dr Sowada's motion –

'Insert the following matter prior to the words, "subject to the Bishop" –

"and also make provision for the transfer of a capital sum of \$1M each year for six years from the Sydney Diocesan Endowment to the Bathurst Endowment of the See for the ongoing funding of the Bishop beyond 2025,"

Having been granted leave, the Rev Gavin Poole moved as a procedural motion –

'Synod gives leave to Dr Barry Newman and the Rev Gavin Parsons to move a second amendment to motion M9 and speak to it.'

Mr Poole's motion was put and was carried.

The Rev Gavin Parsons moved as an amendment to Dr Sowada's motion –

'Following the matter, "financial support of \$250,000 per year", insert the following matter –  
"paid quarterly in arrears".'

Mr Parsons moved as a further amendment to Dr Sowada's motion –

'Following the words, "having written support of the Archbishop of Sydney", insert the following matter –

"and regular review and approval by the Standing Committee".

Dr Newman moved as a further amendment to Dr Sowada's motion –

'Omit the words "six years" and insert instead the following matter –

"three years, followed by a period of the next three years, the financial support for that period to be contingent upon a satisfactory review, carried out towards the end of the first three years, of the situation in the Diocese of Bathurst, the details relating to the review to be determined by the Standing Committee."

Both of the amendments of Mr Parsons, both amendments of Dr Newman, and the amendments of Mr Sempell and Mr Fortescue were not carried.

Dr Sowada's motion was carried without amendment.

Bishop Stead led the Synod in prayer for the Diocese of Bathurst.

## 15.2 **General Synod – Canon Concerning Special Tribunal (Limitation Period) Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2018**

Dr Robert Tong AM moved –

"That Synod permit the introduction of the General Synod - Canon Concerning Special Tribunal (Limitation Period) Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2018."

Seconded and carried

Dr Tong moved –

"That Synod agree to consider passing the General Synod - Canon Concerning Special Tribunal (Limitation Period) Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2018 formally."

Seconded and carried

Dr Tong spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

The President asked –

"Does any member have a question about the proposed ordinance?"

There was a time for questions.

Dr Robert Tong AM moved –

"That the General Synod - Canon Concerning Special Tribunal (Limitation Period) Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2018 pass as an ordinance of the Synod."

Seconded and carried

### 15.3 **General Synod – Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 Assenting Ordinance 2018**

Dr Robert Tong AM moved –

"That Synod permit the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 Assenting Ordinance 2018."

Seconded and carried

Dr Tong moved –

"That Synod agree to consider passing the General Synod - Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 Assenting Ordinance 2018 formally."

Seconded and carried

Dr Tong spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

The President asked –

"Does any member have a question about the proposed ordinance?"

There was a time for questions.

Dr Robert Tong AM moved –

"That the General Synod - Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 Assenting Ordinance 2018 pass as an ordinance of the Synod."

Seconded and carried

## 16. Procedural motions

### 16.1 **Arrangements concerning the General Synod – Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2018**

Ms Michelle England moved as a procedural motion –

'Synod agrees to schedule debate on the Bill at B6 (General Synod – Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2018) for the

evening session on Wednesday 17 October 2018, immediately following consideration of the matters related to responding to domestic violence.'

Seconded and carried

## 17. Motions

### 17.1 Anglican corporate worship

Dr David Oakenfull moved –

'Synod –

- (a) notes that article 6 of the Jerusalem Declaration states –
  - “We rejoice in our Anglican sacramental and liturgical heritage as an expression of the gospel, and we uphold the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a true and authoritative standard of worship and prayer, to be translated and locally adapted for each culture.”,
- (b) believes that a greater diversity of worship practice in this Diocese – including recovery of more traditional Anglican prayer book forms – would honour God and promote the Mission 2020 vision for Sydney,
- (c) requests that the Archbishop and Standing Committee convene a Liturgical Commission to investigate how we might reinvigorate our Anglican corporate worship, and
- (d) that this Commission report back to the 2019 session of Synod.'

The Rev Nigel Fortescue moved as an amendment to Dr Oakenfull's motion –

'Omit paragraphs (b), (c) and (d), and insert instead –

- “(b) encourages parishes to explore a greater diversity of worship practice – including recovery of more traditional Anglican prayer book forms; and
- (c) requests the Strategy and Research Group to give consideration as to whether a greater diversity of worship practice may contribute to our churches reaching more people and retaining more newcomers, and report back to the 2019 session of Synod.”

Dr Oakenfull accepted the amendment of Mr Fortescue.

The paragraphs of Mr Fortescue's amendment were put separately. The omission of paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) and insertion of a new paragraph (b) was carried. The insertion of a new paragraph (c) was not carried.

Dr Oakenfull's motion, as amended, was not carried.

## Adjournment

At 9.30 pm, Mr Doug Marr moved –

'That the Synod adjourn and resume at 3.15 pm tomorrow.'

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

16 October 2018

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