

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

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

### Minutes of Proceedings of the Synod for Monday 22 October 2018

#### 1. Assembly

The Synod assembled in the Wesley Theatre at 3.15 pm.

#### 2. Bible study

The Rev John Lavender led the Bible study.

#### 3. Prayers

Prayers were read by the Registrar, Mr Doug Marr.

#### 4. Statement read by the Archbishop

The Archbishop read a public statement regarding the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse issued by the Australian Federal Government on Monday 22 October 2018.

#### 5. Minutes

The President signed the minutes for Wednesday 17 October 2018.

#### 6. Answers to Questions

##### 6.1 **Paid maternity leave beyond 18 weeks for a female minister**

Dr Karin Sowada asked the following question –

Regarding the Schedule to the Parental Leave Ordinance 2016 entitled “Policy for Parental Leave for Parish Clergy”, given that the Federal Government’s Parental Leave Scheme pays up to 18 weeks of maternity leave, what is the reason for the absence of any further provision for paid maternity leave beyond 18 weeks for a female minister under the model Policy?

To which the President replied –

I am informed that the answer is as follows –

A female member of clergy appointed to a parish who is in receipt of a stipend can obtain up to 18 weeks Parental Leave Pay through the Government Scheme, subject to meeting the eligibility criteria.

The consultation process undertaken prior to the 2016 session of Synod, and the debate at that Synod, revealed a diversity of views in relation to parental leave for parish clergy. It was considered that flexibility is needed to ensure the best outcomes for ministry and clergy families in the local context.

The *Parental Leave Ordinance 2016* provides a framework to facilitate parishes adopting parental leave policies. A parish has a choice about whether to adopt the Model Parental Leave Policy or not, or whether to adopt it with amendments.

The *Parental Leave Ordinance 2016* includes a requirement that it be reviewed 3 years after the date of assent. This means that it will be reviewed in 2019-2020. The question of paid leave will be considered again in the course of this review.

## 6.2 Organisation and support of student ministers at Moore College

The Rev Steven Layson asked the following question –

- (a) Could you please tell Synod who is responsible for the organisation and support of student ministers at Moore College?
- (b) Could you also please tell us what advice, direction or counsel is given to those holding student ministry positions regarding which positions they take up?
- (c) Has any consideration been given to encouraging students to experience a breadth of student ministry positions during their time at college?

To which the President replied –

I am informed that the answer is as follows –

- (a) Moore College has students who are ordination candidates and others who are not candidates for ordination.

The pastoral care and advice concerning student ministry is part of the pastoral care system of the College and so College chaplains have significant input. The Head of the Ministry Department also takes responsibility for the good conduct of student ministry placements. Candidates have further involvement and guidance through Ministry Training and Development.

Support in student ministry occurs through the pastoral care system already mentioned, and through courses on Intentional Ministry Reflection, where specific episodes that occur in ministry are considered.

- (b) Although the College expects every student to be involved in ministry, student minister positions are not formally part of the College program. It is a long-held practice not to direct students to particular student ministries, but the College operates a database to introduce students to churches, and also facilitates conversations whereby churches pitch to interested students their own ministry positions.

Individual students seek advice from faculty and other students about positions. It is generally advised that College is the best time to be involved in a diversity of ministry experiences.

- (c) Yes. See the answer to (b).

## 6.3 Clergy retirement

The Rev Tom Melbourne asked the following question –

Regarding our clergy –

- (a) What is the estimated number of age-based Rector retirements in the Diocese across the next 4 years (2019-2022)?
- (b) What is the estimated number of age-based Assistant Minister / Senior Assistant Minister retirements in the Diocese across the next 4 years (2019-2022)?
- (c) How many Rectors have left parish ministry for reasons other than retirement in the past 4 years (2015-2018)?
- (d) How many Assistant Ministers in the diocese are currently seeking ordination to the presbyterate through MT&D?
- (e) How many Assistant Ministers were ordained as deacons in the Diocese in the past 4 years (2015-2018)?

- (f) What percentage of Ordination Candidates graduating from MTC in the past 4 years were not able to find an Assistant Minister position in the diocese?

To which the President replied –

I am informed that the answer is as follows –

- (a) The *Retirements Ordinance 1993* specifies that the retirement age for clergy in the Diocese of Sydney is the age at which they become eligible for the pension. The federal government has been progressively moving this age from 65 to 67. There are 19 Rectors who will reach the retirement age in the period 2019 to 2022. A Rector can remain in office beyond retirement age in accordance with the *Retirements Ordinance 1993*.
- (b) 12
- (c) Rectors leave parish ministry for various reasons other than retirement. For example Anglicare and other Diocesan organisations are keen to employ skilled and experienced parish ministers. Similarly Rectors may leave the Diocese of Sydney for a parish ministry appointment elsewhere. We do not usually collect this information and it is not readily available.
- (d) 53
- (e) 145
- (f) 2%

#### 6.4 Average length of service for rectors who resigned an incumbency

The Rev Tom Melbourne asked the following question –

What was the average length of service, per incumbency as a Rector, for Rectors who resigned an incumbency in each of the following time periods?

- (a) 1991-1995
- (b) 1996-2000
- (c) 2001-2005
- (d) 2006-2010
- (e) 2011-2015
- (f) 2015-present

To which the President replied –

I am informed that the answer is as follows –

- (a) 8
- (b) 10
- (c) 8
- (d) 8
- (e) 9
- (f) 9

Mr Colin Reilly, a long standing member of General Synod from the Diocese of Melbourne, has done extensive work collecting current and historical information on clergy across Australia. He has produced schedules on concluded incumbencies for each Australian diocese and this information is posted on the notice board, with his permission.

## 7. Motions

### 7.1 Receipt of letter from the Archdeacon Brett Watterson, Diocese of Bathurst

Mr Doug Marr moved –

‘Synod receives the attached letter dated 19 October 2018 from Archdeacon Brett Watterson, Vicar General of the Diocese of Bathurst.’

Seconded and carried

## 8. Procedural motions

### 8.1 Recommittal of motion regarding Implementation of Property Receipts Levy

Bishop Chris Edwards moved –

‘Synod agrees to recommit consideration of the motion at M32 concerning the Implementation of Property Receipts Levy, and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent this.’

Seconded and carried

### 8.2 Arrangements for reconsidering the motion regarding the Implementation of the Property Receipts Levy

Bishop Chris Edwards moved –

‘Synod agrees, for the purposes of the debate on the motion at M32 (Implementation of the Property Receipts Levy), if the procedural motion to recommit the motion at M32 is passed –

- (a) to recommit the amendment proposed by Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo (appearing in amended form on the amendment sheet in today’s papers),
- (b) to limit debate to the amendment proposed by Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo, and and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.’

Seconded and carried

Having been granted leave, the Rev Andrew Katay moved as a procedural motion –

‘That Bishop Edwards’ procedural motion be recommitted.’

Mr Katay’s procedural motion was not carried.

### 8.3 Recommendations from the Order of Business Committee

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

‘Synod agrees –

- (a) to reschedule items of business as shown in marked form on the Timetable for Synod Business, and
- (b) that the motion at M3 (Voluntary Relinquishment of Incumbency) may be called on the callover notwithstanding its presence on the Timetable for Synod Business, and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent this.’

Seconded and carried

#### 8.4 **Consideration of the motion regarding Carrying forward deductions to subsequent years within the Property Receipts Levy**

Mr Robert Gifford moved –

‘Synod agrees to allow consideration of the motion at M55 (Carrying forward deductions to subsequent years within the Property Receipts Levy), and suspends so many business rules as would prevent this.’

Seconded

8 members stood in their place to object to the suspension of business rules without notice.

Mr Gifford’s motion therefore lapsed.

#### 8.5 **Consideration of motion regarding Dr Robert Mackay**

Dr Robert Tong AM moved –

‘Synod agrees to allow consideration forthwith of the following motion, noting that the mover and seconder do not intend to speak to the motion –

“Synod notes and endorses the following resolution of Standing Committee, made on 24 September 2018, concerning Dr Robert Mackay —

‘Standing Committee notes with sadness the death of Dr Robert Mackay, on Monday 3 September 2018.

Dr Mackay was elected to the Standing Committee on 29 May 2017, filling a casual vacancy for a lay person elected by the whole Synod. At his first meeting, Dr Mackay was appointed to a committee to review the governance policy and formal processes for appointing board members in the Diocese. He was subsequently appointed Chair of the group tasked to consider the merits of a Growth Trust, and then the Chair of the committee responding to Synod resolution 3/17 (Coordinating the Planting of Churches), which has gone on to propose the establishment of the Anglican Church Growth Corporation.

Dr Mackay had a long association with Crusaders ministries, served on the Council of The King’s School since 1995 (ultimately chairing the Council until the time of his death), served since 1996 as a Nominated Lay member (Part 8) of Synod, chaired the Council of Robert Menzies College and was a member of the Northern Regional Council.

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Seconded and carried

### 9. Motions

#### 9.1 **Dr Robert Mackay**

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Seconded and carried

Dr Tong led the Synod in prayer for the family of Dr Mackay.

## 10. Procedural Motions

### 10.1 Consideration of motion regarding the National Redress Scheme

Mr Garth Blake AM, SC moved –

‘Synod agrees to allow consideration of the following motion on Tuesday 23 October 2018 –

“Synod requests that Sydney Anglican (National Redress Scheme) Corporation and other diocesan organisations that become a Participating Institution under the National Redress Scheme report all applications received to the Director of Professional Standards to enable an annual report, with appropriate protections of confidentiality, to be provided to each ordinary session of the Synod throughout the life of the National Redress Scheme that includes –

- (a) the number of applications for redress which have been received,
- (b) the number and total and average amount of redress offers made,
- (c) the number and total and average amount of redress offers accepted, and
- (d) the number of persons to whom a direct personal response has been provided.”

Seconded and carried

### 10.2 Notice of withdrawal of motions

Mr Daniel Glynn moved –

‘Synod notes that the following motions have been withdrawn by the request of their movers –

- (a) M53 Changes to the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 (see M31), and
- (b) M56 Property Receipts Levy reduction for parishes with listed heritage buildings (see M32)’

Seconded and carried

## 11. 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.

### 11.1 Voluntary Relinquishment of Incumbency

Dr Robert Tong AM moved –

‘Synod, noting the report Voluntary Relinquishment of Incumbency –

- (a) gives thanks for the efforts of clergy serving in the diocese and for the efforts of the Voluntary Relinquishment of Incumbency proposal drafting team for producing a report and policy designed to create a honourable and dignified pathway out of an incumbency,
- (b) requests the Standing Committee –
  - (i) to notify all parishes of the policy, highlighting the financial expectations upon parishes in such circumstances,
  - (ii) to notify all Anglican Schools of the policy, indicating –
    - (A) appreciation for the generosity of schools which have willingly continued school fee discounts to the children of clergy whose fathers relinquished their orders, and
    - (B) that if there is a school family utilising this policy, the Regional Bishop or his delegate will be in contact to request that the school continue the provision of any existing discounts for the ‘agreed period’,
  - (iii) to vary the terms of the Clergy Assistance Program to continue to provide access for the Agreed period, and
  - (iv) to review the policy after 3 years or the 10<sup>th</sup> ‘relinquishment payment’, whichever comes sooner, and
- (c) requests the Archbishop to authorise the Diocesan share of funding to be provided initially from the Archbishop’s Discretionary Trust, which may be reimbursed through a new element of the fixed ministry cost recovered through the PCR charge,
- (d) authorises the Standing Committee to make amendments to the policy unless before such amendment is made, any 3 members of the Standing Committee request in writing that the amendment be referred to the Synod and provided any amendment made by the Standing Committee is reported to the next ordinary session of the Synod, and
- (e) requests the Standing Committee to review the operation of and need for the *Parish Relationships Ordinance 2001* in light of the Policy and, as appropriate, amend or repeal (or bring recommendations to the Synod to amend or repeal) the Ordinance.’

Seconded and carried

### 11.2 St Bartholomew’s Pymont

Mr Peter M G Young moved –

‘Synod notes the upcoming fiftieth anniversary of the decision of the Diocese on 16 December 1968 to sell the land and buildings comprising a church, parsonage and hall at St Bartholomew’s Anglican Church, 22 Point Street, Pymont, NSW 2009.

Synod also notes that by the St Barnabas Sydney (St Bartholomew’s Pymont) Variation of Trusts and Land Sale Ordinance 1968 the proceeds of eventual sale were directed for the benefit of the St Barnabas Sydney Building Fund.

Under the St Barnabas Sydney Ordinance 1978 (20 November 1978) the sale proceeds were made available for the purchase of other property "providing accommodation for students and others". This other property consisted of houses on Glebe Point Road that were being used for the work of the St Barnabas Hostels but which was intended to be sold. The future of the St Barnabas Hostels was thus secured.

Synod thanks God for the fruitful evangelistic and pastoral ministry conducted through the hostels for several decades.'

Seconded and carried

### 11.3 **St Andrew's Cathedral Anniversaries**

The Rev Dr Ed Loane moved –

'Synod notes that St Andrew's Day, 30 November, 2018 will mark 150 years since our cathedral was consecrated by Bishop Barker. Furthermore, Synod notes that 31 August, 2019 is 200 years since the original foundation stone for the cathedral was laid by Governor Macquarie. With these milestones in mind, Synod praises God that the ministry of St Andrew's Cathedral has –

- (a) remained a centre where the word of God has been faithfully preached,
- (b) used its civic responsibilities as opportunities to proclaim the gospel,
- (c) been a place where the fellowship between the various parishes of the Diocese has been expressed,
- (d) been used by God to bring many people into His Kingdom.

Synod encourages the Dean and all those involved in the ministry of the cathedral to faithfully continue this heritage and values the important contribution the cathedral makes to our Diocese and city.'

Seconded and carried

### 11.4 **Working With Children Check clearances**

Mr Doug Marr moved –

'Synod notes –

- (a) the Working With Children Check (WWCC) clearances introduced by the NSW Government in 2013 have a 5 year currency and the renewal process has commenced,
- (b) all those who are involved with ministry to children as well as those who hold a licence or authority from the Archbishop are required to hold a current WWCC clearance and therefore original clearances need to be renewed as they fall due,
- (c) it greatly assists parish Safe Ministry Representatives, the Diocesan Registry and others, if expiring clearances are renewed as soon as possible within the 90 day timeframe,
- (d) the Archbishop has an obligation to suspend or revoke licences or authorities for anyone who does not have a current WWCC clearance.'

Seconded and carried

### 11.5 **Pastoral care in our churches**

Bishop Chris Edwards moved –

'Synod –

- (a) affirms that all people, regardless of gender and sexual orientation, are made in the image of God and deeply loved by him,
- (b) recognises that all desire and sexuality in this world has been distorted by the Fall and awaits a re-ordering in the New Creation,
- (c) recognises that psychological practices such as 'reparative therapy' or 'gay conversion therapy', which seek to re-orient sexual attraction to heterosexuality, have been highly ineffective for those who experience exclusive same-sex attraction, and have caused distress to many who have participated in such therapy,
- (d) notes that the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Sydney does not practise, recommend or endorse 'gay conversion therapy',

- (e) recognises that Christ's teaching in Matthew 19, which requires either faithfulness in marriage or abstinence in singleness, is a particular struggle for those with desires that cannot be faithfully expressed, and therefore
- (f) calls upon our churches to be safe places for all people, and to provide appropriate pastoral care for all, and
- (g) values prayer for same-sex attracted Christians who wish to live celibate lives, noting that prayer is not a form of "gay conversion therapy".'

Seconded and carried

#### 11.6 Appreciation for SDS staff

Dr Robert Tong AM moved –

'Synod records its deep thanks to the Synod Secretary, Daniel Glynn and his support staff in SDS for working late into the night to prepare answers to Synod questions and also to prepare the Business Paper for the next day of sitting.'

Seconded and carried

#### 11.7 Ministry of Anglican chaplains serving in the Australian Defence Force

The Rev Tim St Quintin moved –

'Synod –

- (a) gives thanks to God for the ministry of Anglican chaplains serving in the Australian Defence Force as both full-time chaplains and reservists,
- (b) gives particular thanks and praise for –
  - (i) the appointment of Chaplain Rob Sutherland, CSC, Assistant Minister at St John's Gordon, as Principal Chaplain Army (Anglican) and Army Archdeacon,
  - (ii) the appointment of Chaplain Andrew Lewis, RAN, a minister from this diocese, as Navy Archdeacon, and
  - (iii) the continued ministry of Chaplain Kevin Russell, CSC, a minister from this diocese, as Air Force Archdeacon.

Synod notes that a service to collate Chaplain Sutherland and Chaplain Lewis as Archdeacons is to be held at 1700hrs on 6 December 2018 at the ANZAC Memorial Chapel of St Paul, Duntroon, ACT.'

Seconded and carried

#### 11.8 Safe Ministry Training in languages other than English

Mrs Lynette Ferguson moved –

'Synod requests that the Safe Ministry Board investigate and implement as soon as possible Safe Ministry Training in languages other than English.'

Seconded and carried

## 12. Motions

### 12.1 Donald William Bradley Robinson AO

The Rev Dr Mark Thompson moved –

'This Synod gives thanks to God for the life and ministry of Donald William Bradley Robinson AO, Lecturer and Vice Principal at Moore Theological College (1952–1972), Bishop in Parramatta (1973–1982) and Archbishop of Sydney (1982–1992), who was taken to be with Christ on 7 September 2018. Nurtured as a member of Sydney University

Evangelical Union (President 1946), Donald participated as a representative of Inter-Varsity Fellowship Australia (now AFES) in the foundation of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in August 1947 at Harvard University.

His biblical fidelity, personal integrity, strength and creativity of mind, scholarly depth, courage, godly humility and Christ-like leadership have all left a lasting mark on the Diocese of Sydney. His insight into the text and theology of the Bible, demonstrated most clearly in his approach to God's unfolding purpose from promise to fulfilment, and his understanding of the church as those gathered around Christ in heaven, and on earth in local congregations by his Spirit and through his word, continues to shape his students and the students of his students. His efforts in the production of An Australian Prayer Book (1978), and in the preservation of apostolic order in the churches, have put generations of Australian Anglicans in his debt. His courageous leadership on the international stage, offering the hand of fellowship to the faithful in the Church of England in South Africa and to those who were even then beginning to suffer at the hands of revisionists in The Episcopal Church of the USA (ECUSA), and taking a stand on biblical truth at the Lambeth Conference of 1988, is less well-known but long-lasting in its benefit to God's people. Donald Robinson was a remarkable and extraordinary gift of God to this Diocese and the church of God. He had a delightful sense of humour. He was kind and loving and a man for whom loyalties ran deeply. He was able soberly to reflect on his past and he loved the Lord Jesus because the Lord Jesus had loved him. We give thanks for him and pray for God's sustaining grace for his family in their loss.'

Seconded and carried by acclamation

## 12.2 Policy on Voluntary Relinquishment of Incumbency

Dr Robert Tong AM moved –

“That the Policy on Voluntary Relinquishment of Incumbency pass as a policy of the Synod.”

Seconded and carried

## 12.3 Sydney Anglican Use of Church Property Ordinance 2018

Bishop Michael Stead moved –

“That Synod permit the introduction of the Sydney Anglican Use of Church Property Ordinance 2018 incorporating the amendments shown in marked form in today's business paper.”

Seconded and carried

Bishop Stead moved –

“That the Sydney Anglican Use of Church Property Ordinance 2018 be approved in principle.”

Seconded

The President asked –

“Does any member have a question about the proposed ordinance?”

There was a time for questions.

The President asked –

“Does any member wish to speak for, or against the motion, or move an amendment to it?”

A member wished to speak against the motion.

There was debate on the motion.

After a time for questions the President asked –

“Does the Synod consider that sufficient time has been allowed for debate?”

The majority of members present answered in the affirmative.

The motion that the ordinance be approved in principle was put and was carried.

The President asked –

“Does any member wish to move an amendment to the text of the proposed ordinance?”

A member of Synod indicated that they wished to move an amendment to the text of the proposed ordinance.

Prior to consideration of the text of the ordinance, the Synod adjourned debate on this matter.

#### 12.4 **The Archbishop of Sydney’s Bishop for International Relations**

Dr Robert Tong AM spoke further on the resolution Synod passed on Monday 15 October 2018 regarding the Archbishop of Sydney’s Bishop for international Relations.

Synod affirmed the resolution by acclamation.

#### Adjournment

At 5.48 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.

### 13. Missionary Hour

The Rev Alan Lukabyo coordinated a series of presentations regarding Gafcon 2018.

A short video giving an overview of Gafcon was followed by a video interview with Archbishop James Wong (Primate Indian Ocean), and short verbal reports given by Sydney Anglican members who are members of the nine Networks as follows –

Youth and Children’s Ministry	The Rev Craig Roberts – Youthworks
Church Planting	The Rev Philip Wheeler – ENC
Theological Education	The Rev Dr Andrew Shead / the Rev Dr Ed Loane – Moore
Bishops Training Institute	Bishop Peter Hayward – Wollongong
Mothers Union and Senior Women	Mrs Christine Jensen – MU
Intercessors Fellowship	Archdeacon Geoff Huard – Austinmer
Lawyers Task Force	Dr Robert Tong – Deputy Chancellor
Sustainable Development	Mr Aiden McCorkindale – Anglican Aid
Global Mission Partnerships	Canon Malcolm Richards – CMS

Archbishop Glenn Davies and Archbishop Peter Jensen concluded the session.

Following the presentations, Archbishop Davies led the Synod in prayer for the continuing mission of the gospel in the world.

## 14. Motions

### 14.1 Sydney Anglican Use of Church Property Ordinance 2018

Consideration resumed on the proposed Sydney Anglican Use of Church Property Ordinance 2018.

Bishop Stead moved –

“That Synod resolve itself into the Synod in Committee to consider the text of the Sydney Anglican Use of Church Property Ordinance 2018.”

Seconded and carried

The text of the proposed ordinance was considered by the Synod in Committee. After consideration of the text had been completed, the Chair of Committees reported the proposed ordinance without amendment.

Bishop Stead moved –

“That the report of the Chair of Committees be adopted.”

Seconded and carried

Bishop Michael Stead moved –

“That the Sydney Anglican Use of Church Property Ordinance 2018 pass as an ordinance of the Synod.”

Seconded and carried

### 14.2 Property Use Policy

Bishop Michael Stead moved –

“That the Property Use Policy, incorporating the amendments shown in marked form in today’s business paper, be approved in principle.”

Seconded and carried

Prior to consideration of the text of the policy, the Synod adjourned debate on this matter.

### 14.3 Recommittal of Implementation of Property Receipts Levy

Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo moved as an amendment to Bishop Stead’s motion –

‘(c) to amend the Property Income Worksheet so that in the calculation of the Property Receipts Levy, deductions from income-producing properties are applied against total property income instead of on a property-by-property basis.’

Ms Warwick-Mayo’s amendment was carried.

Bishop Michael Stead’s motion, as amended, was carried in the following form –

‘Synod, noting the report Property Receipts Levy: Form of calculation and mechanism for debate at Synod, requests the Standing Committee –

- (a) 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
- (b) to amend the Property Income Worksheet to reduce the levy on income \$10,000 - \$50,000 to zero, and
- (c) to amend the Property Income Worksheet so that in the calculation of the Property Receipts Levy, deductions from income-producing properties are applied against total property income instead of on a property-by-property basis.'

## 15. Procedural motions

### 15.1 Consideration of a motion regarding the implementation of recommendations from the Royal Commission

Having been granted leave, Mr Ian Miller moved –

'Synod agrees to allow consideration of the following motion on Tuesday 23 October 2018, during the evening session –

"Synod, noting that an independent review of the position of the Diocese of Sydney with respect to the final recommendations of the Royal Commission is being considered by the Safe Ministry Board and the Steering Committee appointed by the Standing Committee to monitor the proceedings and outcomes of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, requests that a full report from the Safe Ministry Board and/or the Steering Committee be provided to the next ordinary session of Synod in relation to the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission addressed to the Anglican Church and religious institutions including sources of funding to enable their implementation, and any frat ordinances and draft policies to facilitate their implementation."

Mr Miller's procedural motion was put and was carried.

### 15.2 Procedural motion regarding Synod business rules

Mr Daniel Glynn moved as a procedural motion –

'Synod agrees that the motion at M31, to be moved at the request of the Synod, be placed on the business paper in the following form, marked to show changes –

"Synod –

- (a) encourages Members to provide comments regarding the trial arrangements concerning moving amendments to motions, and any other matters concerning the conduct of Synod business, 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 requests the Standing Committee to identify training needs and provide resources to further equip members in their understanding of, and engagement with, the business of Synod."

Mr Glynn's procedural motion was put and was carried.

## 16. Motions

### 16.1 General Synod – Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2018

Ms Michelle England moved –

‘Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2018 in a form incorporating the following amendments –

- (a) in the Long Title, delete the words "Amendment Ordinance 2018", and
- (b) in cl. 2, delete the words "Amendment Ordinance 2018".’

Seconded and carried

Ms England moved –

“That Synod agree to consider passing the General Synod - Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2018 formally.”

Seconded and carried

Ms England 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.

Ms England moved –

“That the General Synod - Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2018 pass formally as an ordinance of the Synod.”

Seconded and carried

Mrs Ann McLean moved as an amendment to Ms England’s motion –

‘At the end of the motion, insert the following matter –

“, and that Synod request the Standing Committee to report to the next ordinary session of Synod regarding the appropriateness of children between the ages of 12 & 15 serving in ministry leadership to other children”.

The Rev Craig Roberts moved as an amendment to Mrs McLean’s amendment –

‘Prior to the words, “to report”, insert the matter “, after consulting with Youthworks ministry support team, ”.’

Bishop Peter Lin moved as an amendment to Mr Roberts’ amendment –

‘Insert at the end of the amendment, the matter “among others, ”’.

The amendments of Bishop Lin, Mr Roberts and Mrs McLean passed.

Ms England’s motion, as amended, was carried in the following form –

“That the General Synod - Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 Adopting Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2018 pass as an ordinance of the Synod, and that Synod request the Standing Committee, after consulting with Youthworks ministry support team, among

others, to report to the next ordinary session of Synod regarding the appropriateness of children between the ages of 12 & 15 serving in ministry leadership to other children.”

Seconded and carried

The Rev Dr Andrew Ford led the Synod in prayer.

## 16.2 **Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2018**

Mr Michael Easton moved –

‘Synod permits the introduction of the Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2018 in a form incorporating the following amendment –

“Insert a new cl. 2(l) (with consequent re-lettering) as follows –

‘(l) by deleting the word “or” and inserting instead the matter “, or is satisfied” in clause 48(1);”

Seconded and carried

Mr Easton moved –

“That Synod agree to consider passing the Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2018 formally.”

Seconded and carried

Mr Easton spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

The President asked –

“Does any member have a question about the proposed ordinance?”

There were no questions.

Mr Easton moved –

“That the Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017 Amendment Ordinance 2018, as amended, pass formally as an ordinance of the Synod.”

Seconded and carried

## 16.3 **Property Use Policy**

Consideration resumed on the proposed Property Use Policy.

Bishop Michael Stead moved –

“That Synod resolve itself into the Synod in Committee to consider the text of the Property Use Policy.”

Seconded and carried

The text of the proposed policy was considered by the Synod in Committee. After consideration of the text had been completed, the Chair of Committees reported the proposed policy with amendments.

Bishop Stead moved –

“That the report of the Chair of Committees be adopted.”

Seconded and carried

Bishop Stead moved –

“That Synod agree to consider on Tuesday 23 October 2018 a motion that the Property Use Policy pass as a policy of the Synod.”

Seconded and carried

**16.4 Surry Hills: Reclassification as a Parish**

Bishop Michael Stead moved –

‘Synod assents to the reclassification of Surry Hills as a parish with effect from 1 January 2019.’

Seconded and carried by acclamation

Bishop Michael Stead led the Synod in prayer for the parish of Surry Hills.

**Adjournment**

At 9.23 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 )  
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Signed by the President

