

2016 Ordinary Session of Synod

Daily Papers

10 October 2016

Amendments to the Business Paper

Further Supplementary Report of the
Standing Committee

Amendment Sheet

Standing Committee of the Synod
Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney

Amendments to the business paper for Monday 10 October 2016

1. Before item 1

After the italicised text insert –

“To access Wi-Fi in the Wesley Theatre –

- *connect your device to the “Wesley Conference” or “Wesley Theatre” network*
- *enter User name: synod*
- *enter Password: synod2016”*

2. Item 11.6

Delete and insert –

‘11.6 Arrangements for considering the motion concerning Community Chaplains (Evangelists)

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for the purposes of considering the motion on today’s business paper at item 18.5 concerning Community Chaplains (Evangelists) –

- (a) the following revised form of the motion be substituted for the existing form –

“18.5 Community Chaplains (Evangelists)

Synod, noting that 90% of the population within the Diocese do not regularly visit our churches, and that a reported 50% do not know a Christian person –

- (a) acknowledges there is a desperate need to reach the spiritually lost in new ways, and reach into the many sub-cultures and networks of the Diocese;
- (b) commends the work of Anglicare, Anglican Deaconess Ministries (ADM), Moore College and Evangelism and New Churches (ENC) in developing the work of Community Chaplains;
- (c) gives thanks to God for the current 70+ Community Chaplains showing the love of Christ and speaking the life-giving good news of salvation and hope through Jesus Christ, for example, in pubs, sporting clubs, nursing homes, dementia wards and ESL classes;

and asks Synod members and our churches to –

- (d) pray for these Community Chaplains, and that 1000 more might be deployed as pioneering urban evangelists across the Diocese;
- (e) identify those within our own communities who are unreached by the gospel and marginalised, and raise up evangelists for these groups;
- (f) partner with ENC, Anglicare, Anglican Aid, ADM and Moore College in training and deploying Community Chaplains; and
- (g) consider attending the Forum and Information Day on Community Chaplains and Missional Communities on 12 November 2016 at Auburn Anglican Church.”, and

- (b) the mover and seconder of the revised form of motion be permitted to combine in a presentation for up to 10 minutes (including a 3 minute video) instead of separate speeches;
- and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(The Rev Philip Wheeler/The Rev Dominic Steele)

3. After item 11.6

Insert the following –

“11.7 Arrangements for the motions concerning the reclassifications as parishes

Synod –

- (a) agrees that, for the purpose of considering the motions concerning the reclassifications of Glenhaven and Westmead as parishes at items 16.3 and 16.4 on today’s business paper, the mover and the seconder may combine in a presentation (including visuals) for up to 15 minutes instead of making separate speeches, and
- (b) suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks/Mr Doug Marr)

11.8 Making the *What God Had Joined Together* booklet publicly available

Synod agrees to the booklet prepared by the Archbishop’s Plebiscite Task Force *What God Has Joined Together* being made publicly available ahead of the debate on the motion concerning same-sex marriage at item 16.2 on today’s business paper by posting it on Anglican Media’s www.sydneyanglicans.net and on the Synod page www.sds.asn.au on the morning of Wednesday 12 October 2016.

(Bishop Michael Stead/Dean Kanishka Raffel)

11.9 Arrangements to consider the motion concerning same-sex marriage

Bishop Michael Stead wants to give notice of his intention to move the following procedural motion on Wednesday 12 October 2016 –

‘Synod agrees to the following arrangements for the purposes of considering the motion on today’s business paper at item X concerning the proposed plebiscite on same-sex marriage –

- (a) the following revised form of the motion (marked to show changes) be substituted for the existing form –

“16.2 ~~Proposed plebiscite on~~Debate concerning same-sex marriage

Synod, in light of ~~a proposed national plebiscite to determine~~the on-going debate as to whether the legal definition of marriage should be changed to include same-sex relationships, and consistent with its long-standing and previously expressed position in relation to marriage and human sexuality –

- (a) continues to affirm that marriage, as a gift from God who made us male and female, is the union of a

- man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life,
- (b) notes that the inclusion of same-sex relationships within the legal definition of marriage would lead to a deeply regrettable divergence between the inherent meaning of marriage and its legal definition,
 - (c) expresses deep concern, based on experience both overseas and more recently in Australia, about the impact that a change in the legal definition of marriage would have on the freedom of individuals and organisations to uphold the view that marriage is inherently a union between a man and a woman.
 - ~~(e)~~(d) asks ~~commends~~ for consideration the booklet prepared by the Archbishop's Plebiscite Task Force to continue to help Sydney Anglicans to *What God Has Joined Together* as a resource to assist Sydney Anglicans and others prepare for and engage in public debate on this issue,
 - ~~(d)~~(e) calls on ~~Senior Ministers~~ Rectors in the Diocese to incorporate teaching on marriage and human sexuality in the teaching programme of their parish prior to the plebiscite,
 - ~~(e)~~(f) encourages all Christians to participate fully in the democratic processes open to us in this country to seek to persuade our nation of the goodness and wisdom of ensuring the legal definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 remains aligned with its inherent meaning, and
 - (g) urges all Christians to engage lovingly and respectfully in the debate about marriage, and condemns any vilification, bigotry or other expressions of ~~hate~~ hatred or fear directed against our neighbours who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans or intersex (LGBTI),
 - (h) believes it is irresponsible and fundamentally inconsistent with the right of free speech we all enjoy to suggest that respectful advocacy for the legal definition of marriage to remain unchanged amounts to hate speech or bigotry.
 - (i) calls on our political leaders to model respectful debate which is courteous and persuasive and does

not assume a lack of goodwill from those with whom they disagree, and

~~(f)(j)~~ recognises marriage as a bedrock institution of society and therefore considers that, despite its cost, a plebiscite is both a justifiable and the preferred means of establishing whether a majority of the Australian community genuinely wish to change the legal definition of such an institution.”

- (b) consideration of the revised form of motion be rescheduled to commence at 8.00 pm Monday 17 October 2016 (immediately following the Missionary Hour), and
- (c) the mover and seconder of the revised form of the motion be permitted to combine in a presentation for up to 20 minutes (including overheads) instead of separate speeches introducing the motion,

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.’

4. Item 14.1

Delete “(1)” and insert “(1A)”

Insert before renumbered (1A) –

“(1) Abbotsleigh, The Council of”

5. Item 14.2

Delete and insert –

“Synod notes that the Council of the King’s School has not submitted an annual report and a copy of their audited accounts for the most recently concluded financial year, and requests that the Council lodge those documents as soon as possible.”

6. Item 15.1

Delete “(Bishop Chris Edwards)” and insert –

“(Bishop Chris Edwards/Mr Tony Willis)”

7. Item 15.2

Delete “(Dr Laurie Scandrett)” and insert –

“(Dr Laurie Scandrett/Dr Robert Tong AM)”

8. Item 15.3

Delete “(Dr Robert Tong AM)” and insert –

“(Dr Robert Tong AM/Dr Laurie Scandrett)”

9. Item 15.4

Delete "(Dr Karin Sowada)" and insert –

"(Dr Karin Sowada/Mr Michael Meek SC)"

10. Item 15.5

Delete "(Archdeacon Kara Hartley)" and insert –

"(Archdeacon Kara Hartley/Bishop Chris Edwards)"

11. Item 16.6

Delete "(Bishop Peter Lin)" and insert –

"(Bishop Peter Lin/Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo)"

12. Item 16.7

Delete "(Bishop Peter Hayward)" and insert –

"(Bishop Peter Hayward/The Rev Andrew Bruce)"

13. Item 16.8

Delete "(Dr Karin Sowada)" and insert –

"(Dean Kanishka Raffel/Canon Sandy Grant)"

14. Item 16.9

Delete "(Dr Karin Sowada)" and insert –

"(Dr Karin Sowada/Mr Tom Mayne)"

15. Item 18.5

Delete "(The Rev Philip Wheeler)" and insert –

"(The Rev Philip Wheeler/The Rev Dominic Steele)"

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Proposed Amendments: 10 October 2016

(Listed in the order of the business paper for the 10 October 2016. Page references are to the sequential pages in Synod Books 1, 2 and 3.)

15.1 Anglican Schools Ministry Ordinance 2016: Committee Stage		
1.	Book 1 Page 111 Line 39	Omit clauses 4(1) and (2) and replace with the following matter – “(1) Subject to clauses 5(2) and 6(1), the School Council of any Diocesan School may appoint one or more Chaplains or Assistant Chaplains as members of staff in and for the School. (2) The School Council of any Diocesan School may, in consultation with the Archbishop, dismiss such Chaplains or Assistant Chaplains.” (The Rev Simon Roberts)
2.	Book 1 Page 112 Line 17	Omit clause 5(4) and replace with the following matter – “(4) A Chaplain in a Diocesan School – (a) must be ordained, and (b) should, wherever possible, also hold an appropriate educational qualification.” (Mr Mark Boyd)

15.2 Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 Amendment Ordinance 2016: Committee Stage		
1.	Book 1 Page 117 Line 4	In clause 2, omit the matter “inserting a new clause 7(3A) as follows –“ and insert instead – , – (a) inserting the matter “(and not more than 50)” after the figure “20” in clause 7(3), and (b) inserting a new clause 7(3A) as follows –’ (Mr Peter M G Young)

15.5 Parental Leave Ordinance 2016: Committee Stage		
1.	Book 1 Page 123 Line 31	In clause 5(2) delete the matter “General Synod – Long Service Leave Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2010” and insert instead the matter “Long Service Leave Ordinance 1973”. (Mr Robert Wicks)
2.	Book 1 Page 123 Line 33	Insert the following immediately after clause 5 – <i>“Note: A member of clergy must be in receipt of an ordinary stipend to render qualifying service for the purposes of the General Synod – Long Service Leave Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2010.”</i> (Mr Robert Wicks)

16.1 Funding for Urban Renewal

1.	Business Paper	In paragraph (b)(i), omit the matter “then to 3.5% in 2019, and then to 4% in 2020” and insert instead “then to 4% in 2019, and then to 5% in 2020”. (The Rev James Warren)
2.	Business Paper	In paragraph (b)(i), omit the matter “3% in 2018, then to 3.5% in 2019, and then to 4% in 2020” and insert instead “4% in 2017”. (The Rev Stuart Milne)
3.	Business Paper	In paragraphs (b)(i) and b(ii) – (a) replace “2018” with “2017”, (b) replace “2019” with “2018”, and (c) replace “2020” with “2019”. (The Rev Zac Veron)
4.	Business Paper	Delete paragraph (b)(iii) and insert instead – “(iii) confirm that the Mission Property Committee is the appropriate diocesan body to administer the ECEC Fund, assess grant applications and provide recommendations to Standing Committee regarding the allocation of ECEC funds,” (Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

16.9 Asylum seekers

1.	Business Paper	Insert a new paragraph (b) with consequent relettering – “removing the secrecy surrounding the operation of immigration detention centres, and allowing scrutiny of their operation;” (Mr Clive Ellis)
2.	Business Paper	In the existing paragraph (d), omit the matter “urges the Government to develop” and insert “developing”. (Mr Clive Ellis)