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**Standing Committee of the Synod  
Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney**



# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the 50<sup>th</sup> Synod Business Paper: Tuesday 11 October 2016

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*See Part 5 of the Synod Business Rules for ordinance procedures. For the purposes of considering a proposed policy of the Synod, the ordinance procedures under Part 5 (from rule 5.5 but excluding rules 5.7(3)(b), 5.9 and 5.10) apply as if the proposed policy were a proposed ordinance.*

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### 1. Bible study is led by the Rev Gary Koo.

### 2. Minutes of 10 October 2016.

### 3. Answers to questions

#### 3.1 The Rev David Clarke asked the following question –

How much of the \$746,000 raised by Anglicare in the Syrian and Iraqi Refugee appeal has so far been distributed to parishes currently engaged in ministering to Syrian and Iraqi people?

#### 3.2 Mr Peter M G Young asked the following question –

What were the numbers (only) of the nominators for each nominee of all elections of the Archbishop in this Diocese since 1966 referred to in paragraph 5(d) of the Standing Committee's Explanatory Report (dated 21 June 2016) for the proposed *Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1928 Amendment Ordinance 2016*?

#### 3.3 Dr David Oakenfull asked the following question –

What steps have been taken to implement Resolution 16 passed by the 2015 Session of Synod requesting the Diocesan Doctrine Commission to revisit its report “A theology of Christian assembly” (4 September 2008), noting that this report makes no reference to prayer or worship?

#### 3.4 Dr Barry Newman asked the following question –

- (a) Do any sections of the curricula of Moore Theological College, Youthworks College and Ministry Training Strategy (MTS) include material on the importance and nature of apologetics as an adjunct to the proclamation of the gospel in our modern western world?
- (b) If so, what topics are dealt with and in what context – that is, what are the specific units or parts of other units in which the material is presented?

#### 3.5 Mr Thomas Mayne asked the following question –

- (a) How many persons are currently members of Standing Committee?
- (b) Of that number –
  - (i) How many are blue-collar workers or equivalent?
  - (ii) How many are women?

3.6 The Rev Dr Andrew Ford asked the following question –

In light of recent media reports, could the Archbishop explain why he declined to grant an Authority to Officiate to the Rev Dr Keith Mascord?

3.7 The Rev Bruce Stanley asked the following question –

Can the Archbishop advise Synod as to any work increases upon our regional bishops since the discontinuation of regional archdeacon positions in the Diocese, with particular reference to parish building works?

3.8 The Rev Andrew Katay asked the following question –

- (a) How many parishes currently have loans with the Finance and Loans Board?
- (b) How many parishes currently have loans with another lending agency?
- (c) What is the total original loan value of all parish loans currently outstanding?

3.9 The Rev James Warren asked the following question –

In answer to a question (4.7) asked last year about whether the greenfields Land Acquisition Levy is set high enough at 2% per annum, producing an annual income of approximately \$2million, part of the President's informed answer was –

- The MPC estimates that \$17.5 million in greenfield land acquisitions is required over the next 5 years.
  - This answer excludes the needs for new churches in brownfield areas of the Diocese.
  - The MPC acknowledges that the need for new churches is greater than funds available.
- (a) Is there now an even greater case for the 2% greenfields Land Acquisition Levy to be raised?
  - (b) Due to limited funding, what greenfields have we so far missed out on that we would have otherwise purchased?
  - (c) When do such delays, make it a brownfield purchase, and to what extent do the costs to acquire church property then increase?
  - (d) Why has brownfields funding (with 70% of new houses in Sydney) been considered separately and subsequently to the greenfields funding?
  - (e) What amount (percentage-wise) would MPC find useful if they could request an amount for their brief?
  - (f) What are the main reasons holding us back in increasing this figure?
  - (g) Who is best placed to reconsider whether the Land Acquisition Levy is set high enough, and if not, to put the wheels in motion to have the levy increased?

3.10 The Rev Jason Ramsay asked the following question –

With reference to the table on page 63 of the Synod book which outlines the funding of the major church building projects since 2008, what was the capacity increase (defined as the seating capacity of the main auditorium as in paragraph (b) on page 60) of each project listed?

3.11 The Ven Deryck Howell asked the following question –

- (a) In the last ten years, how many parishes have been declined the right of nomination because their rectory did not conform to Diocesan standards?
- (b) What are those standards?
- (c) Where a parish is able to provide appropriate office space for the rector at the church or other site rather than the rectory is that taken into account as being an adequate replacement where a study or office is not able to be provided in the rectory? If not, on what grounds?

3.12 The Rev Anthony Douglas asked the following question –

Regarding the survey of rectors referred to in paragraph 20 of the Funding for Urban Renewal Report –

- (a) What criteria were used to select the rectors to be included in the survey?
- (b) What was the spread of regional representation of those surveyed?
- (c) What was the spread of parish sizes of those surveyed, using the brackets of 0-100, 101-150, 151-200, 201-250 and greater than 250?
- (d) What information was provided to them?
- (e) What questions were they asked, and how much time were they given to consider their answers?
- (f) Why did the committee include the tabulated results in this paragraph while giving no indication of the response from the Strategic Research Group (paragraph 23)?

3.13 The Rev Anthony Douglas asked the following question –

- (a) On what basis did the Funding for Urban Renewal Committee determine that a threshold of \$1.5m was a suitable minimum value for “significant parish building projects” (Funding for Urban Renewal Report, paragraph 8)?
- (b) What would the table in Appendix A look like if the threshold was revised downwards to a minimum of \$500,000?

3.14 Mr Jonathan Stavert asked the following question –

What consideration was given to the use of charitable and government grants to fund renewal of parishes?

3.15 The Rev Antony Barraclough asked the following question –

Noting that the Clergy Assistance Program commenced on 11 April 2016, could the Archbishop advise –

- (a) How well or otherwise the program has been received?
- (b) How many clergy have made use of the program to date?
- (c) Who provides the counselling for clergy?
- (d) Whether the program is restricted to ordained clergy or unordained parish staff members?
- (e) If the program is restricted to ordained clergy whether there are any plans to expand the service to all ministry staff?
- (f) What the projected cost per clergy/staff member is expected to be in 2016?

3.16 Mrs Alison Woof asked the following question –

- (a) What consultation process did the Standing Committee go through before changing its policy on having a Minimum Stipend?
- (b) What protections have been put in place to protect Youth and Children Ministers, some of whom currently receive a 65% stipend, from being paid an even lower stipend in the future?
- (c) What recourse does a member of the clergy have if their stipend is reduced to an unsustainable level?

3.17 Mr Mark Boyd asked the following question –

- (a) Are there currently any non-ordained chaplains in extra-parochial schools?
- (b) If so, how many?
- (c) What ordinance were they appointed under?

#### 4. Questions

## **5. Procedural motions from members**

### **5.1 Arrangements for a motion concerning the retirement of Mr Paul Willis**

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for considering the motion concerning the retirement of Mr Paul Willis –

- (a) the motion be considered immediately following the calling of motions on the business paper on Wednesday 12 October 2016, and
- (b) the mover will speak to the motion for up to 2 minutes, and
- (c) the seconder will not speak to the motion but will lead the Synod in prayer for Mr Willis after the motion is put,

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

(Mr James Flavin/The Rev David Ould)

### **5.2 Mover of the motion concerning Domestic Violence**

Synod agrees to Canon Sandy Grant moving the motion at item 8.12 on today's business paper (incorporating in marked form amendments agreed by the mover) in place of the Rev Nigel Fortescue.

(Canon Sandy Grant/Archdeacon Kara Hartley)

## **6. The President invites members to give notice of other motions**

## **7. Calling of motions on the business paper**

## **8. Motions**

***To be taken today from 4.30 pm***

### **8.1 Anglican Schools Ministry Ordinance 2016**

That the Anglican Schools Ministry Ordinance 2016 pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

(Pages 107, 208)

(Bishop Chris Edwards/Mr Tony Willis)

### **8.2 Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 Amendment Ordinance 2016**

Synod permits the introduction of the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 Amendment Ordinance 2016.

(Pages 115, 190)

(Dr Laurie Scandrett/Dr Robert Tong AM)

### **8.3 Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2016**

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2016.

(Pages 164, 204, 216)

(Dr Robert Tong AM/Dr Laurie Scandrett)

### **8.4 Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2016**

Synod permits the introduction of the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2016.

(Pages 118, 173)

(Dr Karin Sowada/Mr Michael Meek SC)

**To be taken today from 7.00 pm**

#### **8.5 Funding for Urban Renewal**

Synod, noting the report “Funding for Urban Renewal” –

- (a) notes –
  - (i) that 70% of the growth in new housing in Sydney is anticipated to be in Brownfields areas, and
  - (ii) the urgent desire to introduce more people to Jesus,
- (b) requests that Standing Committee –
  - (i) re-badge the existing “Land Levy” to be the “Diocesan Development Levy”, and that this Levy increase from the current 2% to 3% in 2018, then to 3.5% in 2019, and then to 4% in 2020 and subsequent years, with the excess over 2% being used to establish and replenish a new “Expanding Churches for Expanding Communities” (“ECEC”) Fund,
  - (ii) appropriate from the Diocesan Endowment \$2.5m in 2018, and a further \$1m in 2019, to be used for the ECEC Fund,
  - (iii) establish the “Expanding Churches for Expanding Communities” Committee, to be comprised of 7 persons (1 Archbishop’s appointment, 3 clergy elected by Synod, and 3 lay people elected by Synod), having a term of 3 years, with one clergy and one lay member retiring each year, but being eligible for re-appointment for up to three consecutive terms,
  - (iv) inform all parishes annually of the availability of the ECEC grant scheme and process by which applications can be received,
  - (v) adopt the process, criteria and weightings outlined in the schedule to this report for the selection of successful grant applicants,
  - (vi) establish and resource (including the ability to engage appropriate consultants) a separate group that supports parishes in managing their property in order to rejuvenate the Diocese,
  - (vii) amend the Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance for all relevant years so as to reflect the resolutions of the Synod,
- (c) requests the Large Receipts Policy Committee to –
  - (i) consider a model for the proposed Large Receipts Levy (due for consideration by 2020) which provides additional funds for ECEC, and
  - (ii) bring a proposal to Synod by 2018.

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(The Rev Raj Gupta/The Rev Ray Galea)

**To be taken on Wednesday 12 October 2016 from 4.30 pm**

#### **8.6 Parental Leave Ordinance 2016**

Synod permits the introduction of the Parental Leave Ordinance 2016.

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(Archdeacon Kara Hartley/Bishop Chris Edwards)

**To be taken on Wednesday 12 October 2016 from 7.00 pm**

#### **8.7 Proposed plebiscite on same-sex marriage**

*Yesterday Bishop Michael Stead gave notice of his intention to move a procedural motion on Wednesday 12 October to substitute a revised form of this motion. A copy of the revised motion, marked to show an amendment which was subsequently accepted by Bishop Stead, has been printed separately in today’s Daily Papers.*

Synod, in light of a proposed national plebiscite to determine 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) asks the Archbishop's Plebiscite Task Force to continue to help Sydney Anglicans to prepare for and engage in public debate on this issue,
- (d) calls on Senior Ministers in the Diocese to incorporate teaching on marriage, and human sexuality and religious freedom in the teaching programme of their parish prior to the plebiscite,
- (e) 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
- (f) urges all Christians to engage lovingly and respectfully in the debate about marriage, and condemns any vilification, bigotry or other expressions of hate or fear directed against our neighbours who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans or intersex (LGBTI).

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(Bishop Michael Stead/Dean Kanishka Raffel)

**To be taken on Monday 17 October 2016 after the Formal Matters**

**8.8 Glenhaven: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Glenhaven as a parish with effect from 1 January 2017.

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(Bishop Ivan Lee/The Rev John Hooton)

**To be taken on Tuesday 18 October 2016 after the Formal Matters**

**8.9 Westmead: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Westmead as a parish with effect from 1 January 2017.

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(Bishop Ivan Lee/The Rev George Kazogolo)

**8.10 Soul Revival Church**

Synod notes that the Soul Revival Church, Sutherland Shire, has been declared to be a recognised church by the Wollongong Regional Council from 1 June 2016 under clause 8 of the *Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000*. Soul Revival began as an initiative of Evangelism and New Churches by members of St Pauls and St Barnabas Anglican Church Gymea in February 2012. Synod thanks God that from small beginnings it has grown vigorously and joins in praising God as it celebrates its fifth year of ministry.

(Dr Alan Watson/Bishop Peter Hayward)

***Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration***

**8.11 Restricting the length of sermons**

Synod notes that –

- (a) research suggests that while listening to sermons most adults can focus for only 15-20 minutes before starting to lose attention, and
- (b) while we may remember about 70% of what was presented in the *first* ten minutes of a twenty-minute sermon, we are unlikely to retain more than about 20% of what was presented in the *last* ten minutes.

Therefore to promote more effective teaching of God's word, Synod urges ministers and other preachers to restrict the length of their sermons to twenty minutes or less.

(Dr David Oakenfull)

#### 8.12 Domestic Violence

Synod –

- (a) acknowledges that domestic abuse continues to be a significant social problem both inside and outside the church;
- (b) gives thanks for the work of the Domestic Violence Response Task Force and calls on them to continue their work - in particular that of ~~creating developing~~ policy and pastoral guidelines ~~and education material~~ - as ~~expansively and to recommend to Standing Committee and make recommendations about education~~ as expeditiously as possible;
- (c) calls on Standing ~~committee Committee~~ to consider providing funding for the Task Force sufficient to expedite its work and particularly the work of interviewing and caring for victims;
- (d) calls upon all clergy, church workers and parish councils to read the ~~progress report 33/13 Task Force's 2016 progress report to Synod and to familiarise themselves with the headline definition and expansive description of domestic violence adopted by the Task Force~~;
- (e) notes that clergy and church workers who are domestic abusers are in breach of standards expressed in Faithfulness in Service;
- (f) ~~welcomes encourages~~ victims of domestic abuse by clergy or church workers to speak to the Professional Standards Unit;
- (f)(g) looks forward to the inclusion of education in the area of domestic violence in 2017 via the PSU's compulsory Faithfulness in Service training sessions for clergy and paid church workers;
- (g)(h) encourages clergy and church workers to preach and speak against domestic violence, again rejecting the twisting of Scripture to justify abuse of any kind, and to make pastoral enquiries when meeting with married people;
- (h) ~~requests Moore College and Youthworks to collaborate on creating bible study material that can be used by small groups in our churches~~;
- (i) requests the Task Force to report as often as possible on progress ~~and again~~, no later than next Synod; and
- (j) expects that the Diocese-diocesan response to domestic violence will go beyond the ambit and life of the Task Force,  
and prays for the protection, healing and support of victims and survivors of domestic violence within our churches; for wisdom and insight, courage and compassion for clergy and church workers in providing pastoral responses to people in such situations; and for the continued work of the Task Force.

(The Rev Nigel Fortescue)

#### 8.13 Retirement of Paul Willis

Synod thanks God for the service of Paul Willis as Fund Secretary of Anglican National Super for 14 years and wishes him well in his retirement.

(Mr James Flavin/The Rev David Ould)

#### 8.14 Truth and Unity in the Anglican Church regarding Marriage

Synod trusts the teaching of Scripture about marriage, above all the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said of marriage that –

'From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let no one separate.' [Mark 10:6-9]

Synod also recalls with gratitude the teaching of our Prayer Books that one of marriage's key purposes is that in it –

“... a new family is established in accordance with God’s purpose, so that children may be born and nurtured in secure and loving care, for their wellbeing and instruction, and for the good order of society, to the glory of God.” [An Australian Prayer Book, p561, Common Prayer, p117]

Synod also notes Resolution I.10 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference which, among other things, in view of the teaching of Scripture –

- upheld faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman in lifelong union, and believed that abstinence is right for those who are not called to marriage;
- while rejecting homosexual practice as incompatible with Scripture, called on all our people to minister pastorally and sensitively to all irrespective of sexual orientation and to condemn irrational fear of homosexuals, violence within marriage and any trivialisation and commercialisation of sex; and
- could not advise the legitimising or blessing of same sex unions nor ordaining those involved in same gender unions.

And Synod notes the consistent pattern of resolutions of our General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia in regards to marriage, for example, in 2004, where General Synod welcomed the initiative of the Federal Parliament in clarifying that marriage, at law in this country, is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life (64/04; reaffirmed in 56/10 of 2010), and where General Synod also did not condone the liturgical blessing of same sex relationships (62/04), nor the ordination of people in open committed same sex relationships (63/04).

Synod therefore gives thanks to God for bishops in our diocese and other Australian dioceses who faithfully uphold the teachings of Scripture regarding marriage, even when to do so is unpopular. By contrast, Synod is grieved by the suggestions from some bishops in other dioceses which undermine both the teaching of Scripture about marriage and also the unity of our Church by promoting a departure from our agreed Scriptural and Anglican position in regards to the definition of marriage at law in our country.

Synod calls on all bishops and other leaders in our church to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace, not least by only speaking the truth in love.

(Canon Sandy Grant)

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# Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

*References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Tuesday 11 October 2016.*

<b>Tuesday 11 October 2016</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.25 pm	8.1 Anglican Schools Ministry Ordinance 2016 8.2 Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 Amendment Ordinance 2016 8.3 Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2016 8.4 Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2016
5.25 – 5.45 pm	Mission Property Committee and New Churches for New Communities presentation
7.00 pm +	8.5 Funding for Urban Renewal Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

<b>Wednesday 12 October 2016</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.35 pm	8.6 Parental Leave Ordinance 2016
5.35 – 5.45 pm	Connecting with our Muslim neighbours presentation
7.00 pm +	8.7 Proposed plebiscite on same-sex marriage Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

<b>Monday 17 October 2016</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal matters 8.8 Glenhaven: Reclassification as a Parish Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	Business as per the business paper
7.00 – 8.00 pm	Missionary Hour
8.00 pm +	Business as per business paper

<b>Tuesday 18 October 2016</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal matters 8.9 Westmead: Reclassification as a Parish 8.10 Soul Revival Church Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Business as per the business paper
5.30 – 5.45 pm	Progress in the merger of Anglicare and ARV presentation
7.00 pm +	Business as per the business paper

## Revised form of motion concerning same-sex marriage

Yesterday, Bishop Michael Stead give notice of his intention to move a procedural motion on Wednesday 12 October. The procedural motion will, among other things, substitute a revised form of motion for the motion currently printed at item 8.7 on today's business paper. The revised form of motion below incorporates a further amendment to paragraph (e) which was subsequently accepted by Bishop Stead.

### "16.2 Proposed plebiscite onDebate 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,
- (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,
- (e) calls on Senior Ministers~~Rectors~~ in the Diocese to incorporate teaching on marriage, and human sexuality and religious freedom in the teaching programme of their parish prior to the plebiscite,
- (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
- (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."

## **Proposed Amendments: 11 October 2016**

*(Listed in the order of the business paper for 11 October 2016. Page references are to the sequential pages in Synod Books 1, 2 and 3.)*

#### **8.4 Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2016: Committee Stage**

1. <b>Book 1</b> <b>Page 119</b> Line 4	<p>In clause 2 insert the following after “is amended by” -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">‘</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(a) inserting the following new paragraphs (d) and (e) in rule 4.1 of the schedule to the Ordinance (with re-lettering of the existing paragraphs) –</p> <p class="list-item-l2">(d) Instead of making separate speeches in support of the principal motion, the mover and seconder may, by notice to the Synod, elect to make a joint presentation in support of the principal motion for up to the combined length of time the mover and seconder would otherwise be permitted to speak.</p> <p class="list-item-l2">(e) A speech or presentation referred to in paragraph (c) or (d) may, by arrangement with the Secretary of the Synod, be accompanied by overhead visual material”, and</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(b)’</p>
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## **8.5 Funding for Urban Renewal**

1.	Business Paper	<p>Delete paragraphs (b) and (c) and replace with –</p> <p>(b) also notes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) that the Synod has already approved triennium funding ordinances for 2016-2018;</li><li>(ii) is due to consider its “Statement of Funding Principles” for the 2019-2021 triennium at the 2017 Synod; and</li><li>(iii) approved its “Mission 2020” priorities at the 2014 Synod,</li></ul> <p>(c) requests that Standing Committee consider the recommendations of the “Funding for Urban Renewal” report against other funding needs and opportunities in the preparation of the “Statement of Funding Principles” report for the 2017 Synod for potential inclusion in the triennium funding ordinances for 2019-2021.’</p>
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2.	Business Paper	<p>Amend the motion as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in paragraph (b)(i) omit “establish and replenish” and insert instead “fund”,</li> <li>(b) in paragraphs (b)(i) and (ii) omit “Fund” and insert instead “grant scheme”,</li> <li>(c) omit paragraph (b)(iii) and insert instead –           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“(iii) arrange for the funding referred to in (i) and (ii) to be paid as an addition to the Mission Property Fund and applied by the Mission Property Committee towards projects approved under the ECEC grant scheme,”</li> </ul> </li> <li>(d) In paragraph (c)(i) omit “ECEC” and insert “the ECEC grant scheme”.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(Mr Geoff Kyngdon / the Rev Ian Millican)</p>
3.	Business Paper	<p><i>This amendment will be moved if the amendment at item 2 is carried.</i></p> <p>Insert the following as a new paragraph (b)(iv) (with consequential renumbering) –</p> <p>“(iv) request the Standing Committee to reconstitute the Mission Property Committee to include three members of the clergy”,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(The Rev Geoff Bates)</p>
4.	Business Paper	<p><i>This amendment will be moved if the amendment at item 2 is carried.</i></p> <p>Insert the following as a new paragraph (b)(iv) (with consequential renumbering) –</p> <p>“(iv) request the Standing Committee to review the membership structure of the Mission Property Committee”,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Bishop Ivan Lee)</p>
5.	Business Paper	<p>Amend the motion as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Delete paragraph (b)(i) and insert instead –           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‘(i) Establish a new “Expanding Churches for Expanding Communities (“ECEC”) Fund and take steps to raise support for this fund through voluntary giving by churches, individuals and organisations.’</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) Delete paragraph (vii).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(The Rev Richard Blight)</p>
6.	Business Paper	<p>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”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(The Rev James Warren)</p>
7.	Business Paper	<p>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”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(The Rev Stuart Milne)</p>

8.	Business Paper	<p>In paragraphs (b)(i) and b(ii) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) replace “2018” with “2017”,</li> <li>(b) replace “2019” with “2018”, and</li> <li>(c) replace “2020” with “2019”.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(The Rev Zac Veron)</p>
9.	Business Paper	<p>Delete paragraph (b)(ii) and insert instead –</p> <p>“appropriate from the Diocesan Endowment \$5m in 2018, and a further \$2m in 2019, to be used for the ECEC Fund,”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(The Rev Nigel Fortescue / The Rev John Chappell)</p>
10.	Business Paper	<p>Delete paragraph (b)(ii) and insert instead –</p> <p>“(ii) permanently appropriate from the Diocesan Endowment \$2.5m in 2018, and a further \$1m in 2019, to be used for the ECEC Fund, with \$0.5m of that permanent appropriation to be quarantined to provide for a top-up to Synod distributions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in the event that the permanent appropriation of \$3.5m from the Diocesan Endowment causes a reduction in distributions to the Synod, and</li> <li>(b) to the extent to which distributions to Synod are reduced, up to a limit of \$0.5m,”</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(The Rev Craig Roberts)</p>

## 8.6 Parental Leave Ordinance 2016: Committee Stage

11.	Book 1 <b>Page 123</b> Line 31	<p>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”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Mr Robert Wicks)</p>
12.	Book 1 <b>Page 123</b> Line 33	<p>Insert the following immediately after clause 5 –</p> <p><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></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Mr Robert Wicks)</p>

## 8.7 Proposed plebiscite on same-sex marriage

13.	Business Paper	<p><i>This amendment will be moved if the motion at item 8.7 is moved in its original form.</i></p> <p>Amend paragraph (d) as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) insert the words “continue to” prior to the word “incorporate”, and</li> <li>(b) omit the matter “prior to the plebiscite”.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(The Rev Simon Flinders)</p>
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## **8.11 Restricting the length of sermons**

14.	Business Paper	<p>In the final paragraph, omit the matter following "Synod urges" and insert instead –</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"–</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(i) the Archbishop to confer with the Principal of Moore Theological College and the Director of Ministry Training and Development to ensure that the training of our diocesan ministers and preachers in oratory skills is in accord with best practice, and</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(ii) ministers and other preachers to think of themselves and their preaching abilities with sober judgment (Romans 12:3-8)."</p>
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(The Rev Craig Roberts)