

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod Business Paper: Monday 8 October 2012

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*(Page references are to the Standing Committee's Report - see Part 5 of the Synod Business Rules for ordinance procedures.)*

**1. The Synod will assemble in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney at 3.15 pm.**

**2. Prayers will be read by the President or a person appointed by him.**

**3. Procedural motion re start time, Presidential Address and Synod Service**

Synod –

- (a) agrees to commence its meeting forthwith in order to deal with items 4 and 6-15 inclusive on this business paper, and
- (b) notes that the Presidential Address will be delivered from 4.00 pm, and at 8.00 pm the Synod Service will begin, and
- (c) suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**4. The President will table a list of the members of the Synod.**

**5. The President will deliver his address.**

To be taken at 4.00 pm – see item 3.

**6. The President will table a document appointing a commissary.**

**7. Elections**

7.1 Under section 12 of the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917, the Synod declares a vacancy in the office of member of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney for Mr Glynn Evans who has come to the end of his term of office.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

7.2 A list of the uncontested elections will be laid upon the table and the results declared.

(Archbishop Peter Jensen)

7.3 A Clerical Secretary and a Lay Secretary of the Synod will be elected.

(Mr Robert Tong)

7.4 A Chairman of Committees will be elected.

(Dr Claire Smith)

7.5 A Deputy Chairman or Deputy Chairmen of Committees will be elected.

(Dr Claire Smith)

7.6 A Committee of Elections and Qualifications will be elected.

(Dr Philip Selden)

7.7 A Committee for the Order of Business will be elected.

(Mr Robert Tong)

7.8 A Minute Reading Committee will be elected.

(Dr Philip Selden)

**8. The minute book of the Standing Committee will be tabled.**

**9. Petitions**

**10. Procedural motion re asking questions**

Synod agrees to the following arrangements in relation to the asking of questions –

- (a) at the time in the order of business at which members may ask questions, a member called on by the President to do so shall make a brief statement informing the Synod of the subject matter of the question rather than reading to the Synod the full text of the question,
- (b) the full text of the question shall be handed to the Synod Secretaries and printed in the business paper for the next day of the session,
- (c) on the day the question is answered by the President, the member who has asked the question shall not ask the question again, and
- (d) a written copy of the answer to the question will be handed to the member asking the question upon request made to a Secretary of the Synod,

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

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11. Questions**

**12. Procedural motions**

**12.1 Presentations at the session**

Synod agrees to the following –

- (a) a Mission Report on Education and Training from 7.00 pm on Monday 8 October 2012, noting that the report will be filmed for use by the organisations contributing to the report, and
- (b) a time to consider the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities and the acquisition of land for new church sites from 7.00 pm on Tuesday 9 October, and
- (c) the Missionary Hour presentation from 7.00 pm on Monday 15 October 2012, and
- (d) any motion for reclassification as a parish may include an overhead presentation within the time limits that apply to the mover and seconder speaking to the motion,

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

(Mr Robert Wicks)

## 12.2 **Special arrangements for the consideration of business**

Synod –

- (a) agrees in principle to deal with its business in accordance with the Indicative Timetable for Synod Business, and
- (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 Indicative Timetable for Synod Business in light of the progress of business, and
- (c) requests the Committee for the Order of Business to reserve as much time as practicable for the purposes of considering private members' motions, having regard to the need to ensure sufficient time for dealing with scheduled business, and
- (d) 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.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

## 12.3 **Circulation of printed material**

Synod authorises –

- (a) the Secretaries to approve any report or other material from a Diocesan body or organisation, and
- (b) a booklet compiled by Bishop Ivan Lee containing reflections from each of the Mission Areas,

being made available to members in the foyer of the Wesley Theatre.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

## 12.4 **Reduction in time limits for certain speeches**

Synod agrees to the following time limits for speeches in respect of a motion that a proposed ordinance be approved in principle –

- (a) the mover may speak for up to 15 minutes, and up to 5 minutes in reply, and
- (b) other members may speak for up to 5 minutes,

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

(Mr Robert Wicks)

## 12.5 **Consideration of Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities and acquisition of land for new church sites**

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for the purposes of considering the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities and the acquisition of land for new church sites from 7.00 pm on Tuesday 9 October–

- (a) Mr Peter Kell and Mr Geoff Kyngdon may make a joint presentation for up to 25 minutes about the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities and the acquisition of land for new church sites, and
- (b) following the presentation, members may ask questions about the subject matter of the presentation until 7.45 pm (or such later time as the President allows) which may be answered by Mr Kell or Mr Kyngdon or a person nominated by either of them.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

## 12.6 Consideration of motion concerning Bishops court

Synod agrees to Dr Philip Selden moving the following motion immediately after the Bishops court Sale Ordinance 2012 is passed as an ordinance of the Synod –

“Synod requests the Endowment of the See Committee to make arrangements to provide suitable alternative accommodation for the next Archbishop taking into consideration the advice of the Archbishop and Mrs Jensen, and having regard to the matters raised in the explanatory report accompanying the ordinance approving the sale of Bishops court.”

(Mr Robert Wicks)

## 12.7 Consideration of motions concerning the Diocesan Mission

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for considering the motions at items 17.12 and 17.13 on today’s business paper –

- (a) the motions shall be taken to have been moved and seconded, and
  - (b) after the motions have been moved and seconded, consideration of the motions shall proceed as if they were a single motion, and
  - (b) after the time for any speech in reply by the mover, each motion and any amendments to each motion shall be voted on separately,
- and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

## 12.8 Arrangements for considering the Bishops court Sale Ordinance 2012

Dr Philip Selden gives notice of his intention to move the following procedural motion tomorrow during the time for considering procedural motions from members –

“Synod agrees to the mover and seconder of the motion that the Bishops court Sale Ordinance 2012 be approved in principle speaking to the motion for up to 10 minutes each instead of 15 minutes and 5 minutes respectively, and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.”

## 12.9 Further arrangements for considering the Bishops court Sale Ordinance 2012

Professor Bernard Stewart gives notice of his intention to move the following procedural motion tomorrow during the time for considering procedural motions from members –

“Synod agrees to the following arrangements for considering the bill for the Bishops court Sale Ordinance 2012 (the Bill) –

- (a) the Bill will not be considered by the Synod formally,
  - (b) following any speeches by the mover and the seconder in support of the motion that the Bill be approved in principle and, if a member has a question about the Bill, following a period for questions, Professor Bernard Stewart (the Opposition Speaker) may speak in opposition to the motion for up to 15 minutes before general debate on the motion commences, and
  - (c) at the conclusion of the debate on the motion, the Opposition Speaker may speak for up to 5 minutes in reply before the mover speaks in reply for up to 5 minutes,
- and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.”

## 12.10 Message of greetings from the Bishop of North West Australia

Synod grants the Diocesan Registrar leave to convey forthwith a message of greetings from the Bishop of North West Australia, the Rt Rev Gary Nelson.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

## 13. The President will invite members to give notice of other motions

## 14. Calling of motions on the business paper

## 15. Tabling and reception of accounts and reports etc

- 15.1 Synod notes that the undermentioned reports etc have been tabled, receives them and resolves that they be printed at the discretion of the Standing Committee –

### *Diocesan Organisations - Audited Accounts and Annual Reports*

- (1) Abbotsleigh, The Council of
- (2) Anglican Education Commission
- (3) Anglican Media Council
- (4) Anglican Retirement Villages: Diocese of Sydney
- (5) Anglican Youth and Education Division
- (5A) Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid (The) (formerly the Archbishop of Sydney's Community Care and Development Program)
- (6) Arden Anglican School Council
- (7) Arundel House Council
- (8) Barker College, The Council of
- (9) Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council
- (10) Department of Evangelism and New Churches
- (11) Georges River Regional Council
- (12) Glebe Administration Board
- (13) Illawarra Grammar School, Council of The
- (14) Kings School, The Council of
- (15) Macarthur Anglican Church School Council (The)
- (15A) Ministry Training and Development Council (formerly Continuing Education for Ministers, Council of)
- (16) Moore Theological College Council
- (17) Northern Regional Council
- (18) St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter
- (19) St Andrew's Cathedral School Council
- (20) St Andrew's House Corporation
- (21) St Catherine's School Waverley, Council of
- (22) St Michael's Regional Cathedral Chapter, Wollongong
- (23) St John's Regional Cathedral Chapter, Parramatta
- (24) South Sydney Regional Council
- (24A) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare)
- (24B) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee
- (25) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation
- (26) Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
- (27) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council
- (28) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
- (29) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
- (30) Trinity Grammar School Grammar Council
- (31) Western Sydney Regional Council
- (32) William Branwhite Clarke College Council
- (33) Wollongong Regional Council

### *Standing Committee Reports etc*

- (34) 2012 Report of the Standing Committee
- (35) Synod Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2011
- (36) Parish Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2011
- (37) Amendments to *Faithfulness in Service*

- (38) Anglican Church Property Trust
- (39) Archbishop's Election Synod in 2013
- (40) Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance, (10/11)
- (41) Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee
- (42) Mission Property Committee
- (42A) Reforms to the charities and not-for-profits sector
- (43) Safe Ministry Board and Professional Standards Unit Annual Report
- (44) School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975, Review of the
- (45) Special Religious Education in Government Primary Schools – the Challenge Over the Next Ten Years
- (45A) Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2013
- (46) Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2013 (2/05)
- (47) Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee (35/09)
- (48) Towards 2050 (3/11)
- (49) Georges River Regional Council – Annual Report for 2011
- (50) Northern Regional Council – Annual Report for 2011
- (51) South Sydney Regional Council – Annual Report for 2011
- (52) Western Sydney Regional Council – Annual Report for 2011
- (52A) Minchinbury, Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish to a parish
- (53) Wollongong Regional Council – Annual Report for 2011
- (54) Shoalhaven Heads, Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish to a parish
- (55) Explanatory Statements and reports on Bills

*Other reports etc*

- (56) Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas and Relief Fund (The) (ORAF)
- (57) Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Ministry Fund (The) (OMF)

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

**16. Motions for proposed ordinances referred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod**

*There are no motions under this heading.*

**17. Motions by request of the Standing Committee**

**17.1 Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2012**

Synod permits the introduction of the Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2012.

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(Canon Sandy Grant/Mr Clive Ellis)

**17.2 Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2012**

Synod permits the introduction of the Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2012.

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(Dr Philip Selden/Mr Lachlan Bryant)

**17.3 Amendments to *Faithfulness in Service***

Synod, noting the report on amendments to *Faithfulness in Service* –

- (a) defers consideration of the amendment to the definition “bullying” until the next ordinary session of the Synod, and
- (b) approves the remaining amendments referred to in the report for the purposes of this Diocese.

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(Mr Lachlan Bryant/Bishop Glenn Davies)

#### 17.4 **Bishops court Sale Ordinance 2012**

Synod permits the introduction of the Bishops court Sale Ordinance 2012.

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(Dr Philip Selden/The Rev Raj Gupta)

#### 17.5 **Special Religious Education**

Synod, noting the report on *Special Religious Education in Government Primary Schools – the Challenge over the next Ten Years* –

- (a) affirms its commitment to the sustaining of high quality Special Religious Education within all Government primary schools within the Diocese, and
- (b) requests the Standing Committee to address the need for sufficient funds for this ministry in its 2014-2015 budget.

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(Canon Phil Colgan/Bishop Glenn Davies)

#### 17.6 **Diocesan Policy Statement on Education**

Synod agrees to amend its Diocesan Policy Statement on Education by inserting a new paragraph 2.6.5 as follows (with consequential renumbering of existing paragraph 2.6.5) –

“2.6.5 Requires that the council of each Anglican school governed by an ordinance of the Synod, the board of each Anglican university college and the board of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation observe the following protocol in selecting or appointing a person as head –

Prior to the beginning of the selection process, the chair of the council or board is to inform the Archbishop of the process and the Archbishop, or a Regional Bishop nominated by him, is to be invited to be a part of the interview process, and the Archbishop is to be informed of the names on the final list prior to any offer being made for the position of head.”

(Dr Bryan Cowling/Bishop Glenn Davies)

#### 17.7 **Review of School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975**

Synod, noting the report concerning the review of the School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975 (the Ordinance) –

- (a) encourages Synod members, school councils and the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation to consider the report and its recommendations and to provide comments on the report to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2013, and
- (b) requests the Standing Committee to bring to the 2013 session of the Synod suitable amendments to the Ordinance having regard to such comments.

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(Mr Tony Willis/Dr Bryan Cowling)

#### 17.8 **Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2012**

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2012.

(pre-Synod Briefing Materials page 1)

(Mr Peter Kell/Bishop Peter Hayward)

#### **17.9 Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2012**

Synod permits the introduction of the Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2012.

*(pre-Synod Briefing Materials page 14)* (Mr Peter Kell/Bishop Peter Hayward)

#### **17.10 Towards 2050**

Synod, noting the terms of resolution 2/10 and the further report of the Standing Committee provided to the Synod in response to its request in resolution 3/11 –

- (a) thanks the Standing Committee for its further report which clearly and helpfully sets out the significant challenges to our Diocesan network of churches and ministries in meeting the growth in population and ethnic mix in Sydney and the Illawarra over the next 40 years,
- (b) requests that resolution 2/10 and the further report of the Standing Committee be referred to the Mission Board for consideration and incorporation into the next phase of the mission of the Diocese, and
- (c) requests that on behalf of the Standing Committee and the Mission Board bring to Synod in 2013 the suggested shape of the next phase of the mission of the Diocese and its response to the recommendations in the Towards 2050 report.

*(Page 92)* (Bishop Peter Hayward/The Rev Andrew Katay)

#### **17.11 Department of Evangelism and New Churches Ordinance 2010 Amendment Ordinance 2012**

Synod permits the introduction of the Department of Evangelism and New Churches Ordinance 2010 Amendment Ordinance 2012.

*(Page 128)* (Archdeacon Ian Cox/Mr Malcolm Purvis)

#### **17.12 Thanksgiving for leadership of the Diocesan Mission**

Synod –

- (a) gives thanks to Almighty God for our Archbishop and his leadership of our 2002-2012 Diocesan Mission,
- (b) rejoices in God's blessing that he has enabled us to proclaim our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ in prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit, in order that people would hear his call to repent, trust and serve Christ in love, and be established in the fellowship of his disciples while they await his return,
- (c) thanks God for the increase in the number of people in Bible-based Churches in the Diocese, and
- (d) thanks God for the increase in Bible-based Christian fellowships, congregations and churches, equipping and nurturing their members both in the Diocese and throughout the world.

(Bishop Peter Hayward/The Rev Dominic Steele)

#### **17.13 Review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of mission**

Synod –

- (a) asks the Standing Committee, through its Mission Board, to survey Synod Members, Parish Councils and other Diocesan Organisations to review and assess what has been achieved and what lessons have been learned in the ten years of our Diocesan Mission,



- (b) asks the Standing Committee, through its Mission Board, to bring to Synod 2013 a detailed report on the work of this review, including specific recommendations as to what policies, structures and implementation strategies should be adopted for the next phase of mission in the Diocese to seek and to save the lost, and
- (c) following feedback from Parishes and Diocesan Organisations, bring to Synod 2014 for its approval the suggested shape of the next phase of mission within the Diocese.

(Bishop Peter Hayward/The Rev Dominic Steele)

#### 17.14 United Mission Campaign in 2014

Synod asks the Standing Committee, through its Mission Board to work with Evangelism and New Churches to coordinate a united mission campaign throughout the Diocese around Easter 2014 so that we can be encouraged and enabled to share Christ with our friends and neighbours.

(The Rev Dominic Steele/Bishop Peter Hayward)

#### 17.15 Actions of the Bishop of Gippsland

Synod –

- (a) notes with grave concern the Bishop of Gippsland's appointment in December 2011 of a clergyman with a male partner to be the minister of a parish in the Diocese of Gippsland,
- (b) welcomes the following protocol unanimously adopted by the Australian Bishops' Conference in March 2012 –
  - As bishops in the Australian Church we accept the weight of 1998 Lambeth Resolution 1.10 and the 2004 General Synod resolutions 33, 59 and 61-64 as expressing the mind of this church on issues of human sexuality.*
  - We undertake to uphold the position of our Church in regard to human sexuality as we ordain, license, authorise or appoint to ministries within our dioceses.*
  - We understand that the issues of sexuality are subject to ongoing conversation within our Church and we undertake to support these conversations, while seeking to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
- (c) joins with the Standing Committee in expressing its dismay at the Bishop of Gippsland's May 18, 2012 Presidential address to the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland which appears to espouse actions that would constitute –
  - (i) a departure from the teaching of Scripture,
  - (ii) a departure from Lambeth Resolution 1.10 of 1998,
  - (iii) a departure from *Faithfulness in Service* §7.4, and
  - (iv) a breach of the Australian Bishops' Protocol agreed to by all Australian bishops (including the Bishop of Gippsland) in March this year,
- (d) declares that such actions would breach trust and fellowship at a profound level and deeply grieve us, and
- (e) prayerfully and respectfully requests the Australian Bishops to appoint clergy and church workers in line with the expectations for elders as set forth in Scripture and in accordance with –
  - (i) Lambeth Resolution 1.10 of 1998,
  - (ii) *Faithfulness in Service* §7.4, and
  - (iii) the Australian Bishops' Protocol, and

- (f) requests the Standing Committee, in light of the Bishop of Gippsland's actions, to look for ways to recognise, encourage and support those faithful Anglicans who are disenfranchised by such actions, and to reach those elements of society denied a faithful presentation of the gospel.

(The Rev Dominic Steele/Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

#### 17.16 Shoalhaven Heads: Reclassification as a Parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Shoalhaven Heads as a parish with effect from 1 January 2013.

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(The Rev Anthony Douglas/Mr Tony Willis)

#### 17.17 Minchinbury: Reclassification as a Parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Minchinbury as a parish with effect from 1 January 2013.

(Supplementary Report page 5)

(The Rev David Mears/Bishop Ivan Lee)

#### 17.18 Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings

Synod declares its opinion that the services in the revised form of *Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings* conform to the doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia and encourages the churches of the Diocese to use such services in accordance with the *General Synod – Canon Concerning Services 1992 Adopting Ordinance 1998*.

(Bishop Robert Forsyth/Canon Sandy Grant)

#### 17.19 Electronic distribution of Synod materials

Synod, noting the action that has been taken to date in response to resolution 22/8 (Electronic distribution of Synod materials) and resolution 20/11 (Publication of Synod proceedings in electronic form), requests the Standing Committee to bring to the next ordinary session of the Synod a proposal, together with any necessary changes to our ordinances, to discontinue the distribution of materials to Synod members in printed form with effect from the 1st Ordinary Session of the 50th Synod in 2014.

(The Rev Nigel Fortescue/Mr Robert Wicks)

#### 17.20 Reduced number of days for Synod in 2013

Synod supports the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod in 2013 being held over 3 days on Monday 14, Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 October, and for this purpose –

- (a) agrees to commence meeting at 2pm and conclude meeting at 10pm on each of those days, and
  - (b) agrees that motions about a proposed ordinance may be considered on each of those days after 3.30pm apart from the unopposed introduction of a proposed ordinance which may be considered before that time,
- and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Dr Karin Sowada/Dr Philip Selden)

### 17.21 Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Synod, noting the report about the reforms to the charities and not-for-profits sector, encourages –

- (a) all parishes and other diocesan bodies to ensure they understand and comply with their obligations under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission legislation, and
- (b) the Standing Committee to continue making representations to the Government about achieving reforms which add genuine value to both the sector and the broader community.

*(Supplementary Report page 7)*

(Mr Robert Wicks/Dr Karin Sowada)

### 18. Motions by request of a regional council

*There are no motions under this heading.*

### 19. Motions received by the Standing Committee

#### 19.1 Amendment to Diocesan Policy Statement on Education

This Synod, noting the importance of students in Anglican schools learning to appreciate, refine and ennoble human culture in all fields of endeavour, particularly in the visual and performing arts, music and the media, amends the Diocesan Policy Statement on Education by adding another dot point under “A Christian approach to education .... education that is fully Christian will promote teaching and learning that ”

- “• cultivates, critiques and seeks the transformation of culture in accordance with godly wisdom ”.

(Associate Professor Alan Watson)

#### 19.2 Archbishop Rowan Williams

Synod, noting that Archbishop Rowan Williams will be stepping down from the office of Archbishop of Canterbury at the end of this year, prays for Dr Williams as he concludes his term of office and prepares to take on the role of Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge. The Synod also prays for wisdom and discernment for those involved in the choice of Dr William’s successor.

(The Rev Philip Bradford/Professor Bernard Stewart)

#### 19.3 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women

Synod, noting that this year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ordination of women as priests in the Anglican Church of Australia, gives thanks for the ministry of women both ordained and lay in all areas of the Church’s life.

(The Rev Philip Bradford/Professor Bernard Stewart)

#### 19.4 The Rev Canon Boak Jobbins OAM

Synod gives thanks to God for the ministry of the Rev Canon Boak Jobbins OAM. Boak grew up as a member of St Mark’s Darling Point, trained at Moore College and served Christ’s people at St Jude’s Dural, Holy Trinity Adelaide, St Swithun’s Pymble, as Dean of Sydney and at St Mark’s Darling Point. In each of these places his faith in Christ, his powerful preaching and teaching ministry, his pastoral care, and his willingness to serve in a myriad of ways left a deep mark on the lives of many men and women. Boak’s contribution to the life of the Diocese, not only as the Dean between 1992 and 2002, but in the Synod, its Standing Committee, the Liturgical Commission, the Presentation Board, and many other avenues has

deeply enriched us. Shocked by his sudden death on 1 September, we commit ourselves to pray for his wife Di and for their family.

(The Rev Dr Mark Thompson/Canon Warwick de Jersey)

#### 19.5 **Archbishop Peter Jensen**

This Synod notes that this is the last session of Synod before the retirement of our President Archbishop Peter Jensen in July 2013.

Synod takes this opportunity to express its admiration for the way in which Dr Jensen has presided over this and preceding Synods during the 10 years of his term of office. The skill and patience with which he has guided debates will long be remembered by those who have sat under his Presidency.

Synod gives thanks to Almighty God for the life and work of the President, his evangelical faith, his sharp mind, his wise counsel, his leadership of us in reaching the lost of Sydney and Wollongong through the Diocesan Mission, his representation of the Christian gospel to the secular world and the huge increase in the number of gospel workers who have been raised up during his episcopacy.

His leadership of this Diocese and the national and global Anglican Church has been of incalculable value, and Synod acknowledges its debt to him.

Synod gratefully wishes Dr and Mrs Jensen every happiness and prosperity in the years to come.

(Canon Rick Smith)



# Revised Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Monday 8 October 2012.

<b>Monday 8 October 2012</b>	
3.15 – 4.00 pm	Formal matters (items 1-14)
4.00 – 5.30 pm	Presidential Address
7.00 – 8.00 pm	Mission Report on Education and Training
8.00 – 9.30 pm	Synod Service

<b>Tuesday 9 October 2012</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	17.1 Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2012 17.2 Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2012 17.3 Amendments to <i>Faithfulness in Service</i> Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7.00 – 7.45 pm	Consideration of Funding Principles and Priorities and acquisition of land for new church sites
7.45 pm +	17.4 Bishopscourt Sale Ordinance 2012 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

<b>Wednesday 10 October 2012</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	17.5 Special Religious Education 17.6 Diocesan Policy Statement on Education Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7.00 pm +	17.8 Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2012 17.9 Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2012 Thereafter, other business as per business paper

<b>Monday 15 October 2012</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	17.10 Towards 2050 17.11 Department of Evangelism and New Churches Ordinance 2010 Amendment Ordinance 2012 Thereafter, other business as per business paper
7.00 – 8.00 pm	Missionary Hour
8.00 pm +	17.12 Thanksgiving for leadership of the Diocesan Mission 17.13 Review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of mission 17.14 United Mission Campaign in 2014 17.15 Actions of the Bishop of Gippsland Thereafter, other business as per business paper

<b>Tuesday 16 October 2012</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	17.16 Shoalhaven Heads: Reclassification as a Parish 17.17 Minchinbury: Reclassification as a Parish Business as per the business paper
7.00 – 8.30 pm	17.18 <i>Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings</i> 17.21 Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission
8.30 pm +	19.5 Archbishop Peter Jensen Thereafter, other business as per the business paper