



Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney

Special Session of the 45th Synod to appoint an Archbishop

Business Paper: Monday 5 June 2001

The comments printed in italics do not have the weight of rubrics: they are intended as helpful prompts. Occasional clause references are to the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1982.

1. Preliminary

Purpose: To attend to certain preliminaries.

Description: The preliminary business is set by clause 13.

1.1 Prayers will be read by or at the request of the President

1.2 Minutes of Monday 4 June 2001

1.3 Questions

The Rev David Mulready to ask -

- (a) Why has the Standing Committee acted so quickly on the sale of Gilbulla that the matter couldn't wait to be brought before the Synod in October this year?
- (b) Why was there no consultation with parishes, church schools & regional councils before deciding to sell the only Conference Centre the Diocese has?
- (c) What plans are in hand for the replacement of Gilbulla as a Diocesan Conference Centre?
- (d) While the Standing Committee might not wish to allocate the funds for the development of Gilbulla as recommended by the Gilbulla Board, why was it felt necessary to sell the property so quickly rather than let it continue trading until other means of financing the development could be explored?

1.4 Petitions

1.5 Notices of Questions

1.6 Notices of Motions

2. Select List

2.1 The President will announce that the motion that the name of Trevor William Edwards be placed on the Select List was not carried in either the house of laity or the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being -

| | For | Against | Informal | Total |
|--------|-----|---------|----------|-------|
| Laity | 214 | 228 | - | 442 |
| Clergy | 104 | 150 | 1 | 255 |

2.2 The President will announce that the motion that the name of Robert Charles Forsyth be placed on the Select List was carried in both the house of laity and the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being -

| | For | Against | Informal | Total |
|--------|-----|---------|----------|-------|
| Laity | 280 | 160 | 2 | 442 |
| Clergy | 144 | 109 | 1 | 254 |

2.3 The President will announce that the motion that the name of Geoffrey Robert Huard be placed on the Select List was not carried in either the house of laity or the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being -

| | For | Against | Informal | Total |
|--------|-----|---------|----------|-------|
| Laity | 179 | 263 | - | 442 |
| Clergy | 68 | 185 | 12 | 2552 |

4 The President will announce that the motion that the name of Peter Frederick Jensen be placed on the Select List was carried in the house of clergy but not in the house of laity, the results of the ballot being -

| | For | Against | Informal | Total |
|--------|-----|---------|----------|-------|
| Laity | 209 | 232 | 1 | 442 |
| Clergy | 179 | 75 | 1 | 255 |

2.5 The President will announce that the motion that the name of Reginald John Piper be placed on the Select List was not carried in either the house of laity or the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being -

| | For | Against | Informal | Total |
|--------|-----|---------|----------|-------|
| Laity | 211 | 231 | - | 442 |
| Clergy | 95 | 159 | 1 | 255 |

2.6 The President will announce under clause 15(6) of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1982 that the names of Robert Charles Forsyth and Peter Frederick Jensen have been placed on the Select List.

2.7 The President will announce that he has determined, by lot, that the names of Robert Charles Forsyth and Peter Frederick Jensen be placed on the Select List in the following order-

Robert Charles Forsyth
Peter Frederick Jensen

3. Final List

Purpose: To reduce the Select List to a Final List (clauses 16 to 23).

Description: Each nominee is proposed and seconded in the order in which his name appears on the Select List. Each member of the Synod who wishes to speak may do so unless the Synod otherwise determines. At the end of the debate the proposer has a right of reply before consideration of the next nominee commences. If no-one wants to speak in respect of a nominee, consideration of the next nominee commences without debate. After consideration of the last nominee has concluded the President, unless the Synod otherwise determines, will put each of the motions.

Voting: On each of the motions simultaneously, by secret ballot and by orders with the laity voting first (clause 16(4)). The procedure will be -

- (a) Each member then present will be given a separate ballot paper for each motion (1 colour for the laity and another for the clergy).
- (b) The ballot paper will be printed with the name of the nominee referred to in the motion and be printed with 2

boxes opposite the name of the nominee with the word "Yes" above one box and the word "No" above the other.
(c) Each member is to record his or her vote by marking the box under the word "Yes" if the member wants the name of the nominee placed on the Final List or by marking the box under the word "No" if the member does not want the name of the nominee placed on the Final List.
(d) Ballot papers will be collected and counted, and the results reported to the President.
Majorities: In each order of the members present and voting (clause 16(5)). The President is to announce the results (clause 14(2)).

Speeches: The proposer has 10 minutes, all others have 5 minutes (clause 26(1)).

3.1 That the name of Robert Charles Forsyth be placed upon the Final List.

(The Rev David Crain/Mr Warwick Olson)

3.2 That the name of Peter Frederick Jensen be placed upon the Final List.

(The Rev Dr Glenn Davies/Ms Karin Sowada)

Note

The order of the names of the nominees on the Final List is to be determined by the President by lot and announced to the Synod (clause 23).

4. Final Choice of a Nominee

Purpose: To decide who should be invited to be Archbishop of Sydney.

Description: If there is only 1 name on the Final List, under clause 24 the President is to put the motion "That (A.B.) be invited to be Archbishop of Sydney".

If there are 2 names on the Final List, there is 1 debate on all the nominees. Each nominee is to be proposed and seconded (clauses 24, 25 and 27 to 33), each member of the Synod who wishes to speak may do so unless the Synod otherwise determines, and proposers may reply in the order the nominees were proposed. When the debate concludes, the Synod is to adjourn to another day for a ballot.

Voting: For 1 nominee, by show of hands in each order with the laity voting first (clause 24(2)). For 2 nominees, by preferential ballot in each order. The procedure for the ballot is -

- (a) On resumption after the adjournment, each member present will be given a ballot paper in the appropriate form set out in the Schedule to the ordinance (1 colour for the laity and another for the clergy).
- (b) Names of the nominees will be printed on the ballot paper in the same order as the Final List and, opposite each name, a box will be printed.
- (c) Members record their preferences by writing "1" and "2" in the boxes printed, according to their preferences.
- (d) Ballot papers will be collected, counted and the results will be reported to the President.

Majorities: In both orders, the members present and voting.

Speeches: All speakers have 5 minutes.

4.1 That (A.B.) be invited to become Archbishop of Sydney.

(The President)

Notes

- (a) See clauses 30 to 33 for "circuit breaker" procedures if neither of 2 nominees on the Final List receives the required majorities.
- (b) See clauses 34 to 41 for post-Synod procedures: confirmation of election, refusal or delay in confirmation, failure to accept election, failure for other causes, declaration of election and proceedings after election.

5. Motions

5.1 Residence of the next Archbishop

Synod -

(a) determines that the terms and conditions of appointment of the Archbishop of Sydney be amended so that the residence which is offered to the next Archbishop is Bishopscourt on the understanding that the new Archbishop will bring to the Standing Committee before the end of 2002 a report on the suitability or otherwise of Bishopscourt remaining as the residence of the Archbishop, and
(b) requests that the Standing Committee bring the Archbishop's report, together with any other material it considers relevant, to the next session of the Synod.

(Mr Robert Tong/Mr Warwick Olson)

5.2 Ordinances to authorise Sale of Gilbulla and Bishopscourt

Synod advises its Standing Committee that any ordinance authorising the sale of the property known as Gilbulla or the property known as Bishopscourt must be an ordinance passed by the Synod.

(Mr Robert Tong/Mr Warwick Olson)

5.3 Gilbulla

While appreciating the hard work carried out by the Standing Committee, Synod -

(a) rejects the recent decision by the Standing Committee to sell our only Diocesan Conference Centre, Gilbulla this Spring and directs the Standing Committee to reverse its decision and re-appoint the recently disbanded Board to govern its operation and future development, and
(b) directs that the Standing Committee examine all possible ways of funding the Development of Gilbulla brought to it by the Board and proceed with such development, while keeping the ownership of the property in the hands of our Diocese and reporting progress to the next Synod in October 2001.

(The Rev David Mulready/The Rev Peter Stavert)

Please Note the Following Arrangements

Hours of Meeting in the Wesley Theatre -

5 June - 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm

6 June - 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm

7 June - 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm

8 June - 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm

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Hymn, Bible Readings and Prayers : Tuesday 5 June 2001

Hymn: The Church's one foundation

1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy Bride;
With his own Blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth,
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy Food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distrest:
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

S J Stone (1839-1900)

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Pianist: The Rev Paul Weaver

Prayers:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
Grace and peace also to you

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1Peter 1:3)

Let us pray

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance,
govern and uphold them now and always.
Day by day, we bless you;
we praise your name for ever.
Keep us today, Lord, from all sin;
have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We long for your salvation, O Lord:
grant us understanding, that we may live.
Lord, show us your love and mercy,
for we put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope:
let us not be confounded at the last.

**Eternal God, shepherd and guide,
In your mercy give your Church in this diocese
a shepherd after your own heart
who will walk in your ways,
and with loving care watch over your people.
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.
So may your Church be built up**

**and your name glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Other Prayers

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.