



**SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ADELAIDE
OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

MINUTES OF
FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY THIRD TRIENNIAL SYNOD
(162ND ANNUAL SESSION)

Friday 28 – Sunday 30 October 2016

The 162nd Session opened with the Synod worship in the Cathedral Church of St Peter at 7:00pm on Friday 28 October 2016 at which the Preacher was The Right Rev'd Dr Tim Harris, Administrator (*Sede Vacante*).

Following the Service of Holy Communion, The Right Reverend Dr Tim Harris, opened the First Session of the Forty Third Triennial Synod by delivering the President's Pastoral Address. In the Pastoral Address, Bishop Tim Harris spoke about a number of matters that included reconciliation, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the Church as responsible citizens in the way it responds to issues of public debate.

The Synod convened for the dispatch of business at St Peter's College, Memorial Hall, St Peters at 9.00am on Saturday 29 October 2016. The President, 112 members of the clergy and 149 lay representatives were present.

The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw led the Opening Prayers.

1. The President welcomed members, especially those attending Synod for the first time, to the First Annual Session of the Forty Third Triennial Synod and thanked The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw for arranging the Synod worship service. The President made introductory remarks regarding general procedure for Synod.
2. **PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**
Leave was granted by Synod for Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod, to move the following motion in an amended form.

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod welcomes:

- The Observers from the Diocese of Willochra (The Venerable David McDougall and Mrs Rosemary O’Leary) and the Diocese of The Murray (The Rev’d David Patterson and Mrs Anna Stanley);
- Sudanese Missiona
- I Congregations;
 - The Pastor and Observers from the Dinka Sudanese Anglican (Episcopal) Missional Congregation at Playford;
 - The Pastor and Observers from The Lakes Province of Sudan (Episcopal) Missional Congregation at St Luke’s Whitmore Square;
 - The Pastor and Observers from the Sudanese Anglican (Episcopal) Congregation at Church of the Holy Redeemer, Ingle Farm
- The Observers from the Congregation of St Barnabas’ Croydon
- The Observers from MarThoma Church, Adelaide
- Ms Susan Arnold, Diocesan Finance Manager
- Mrs Christine Crosby, Acting Professional Standards Director
- Ms Annette Cinnamond, Convenor, Professional Standards Committee (Apology)
- The Rev’d Sandy Jones, Managing Director, Leading Connexions
- Ms Carmel Noon, State Manager (SA & NT), Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Mr John Semba, Client Relationship Executive, Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Members of Diocesan Administration Resources Executive (DARE) who are not members of Synod
- Ministry Unit Members who are not members of Synod
- Members of the Diocesan Risk & Audit Committee who are not members of Synod
- Directors of the Board of AnglicareSA Ltd who are not members of Synod
- ABM SA Education Manager, Mr Brad Chapman
- Mr David Williams, State Director, Church Missionary Society (Apology)
- Cathedral Chapter Canons who are not members of Synod
- Ordinands

and accords them a seat on the floor of Synod with the right to speak but not to vote or move or second motions.

Moved by Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Rev’d Janet Phillips

CARRIED

3. PROCEDURAL MOTION

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as to allow for the timetable of Synod to be as outlined on the revised Order of Business Paper as circulated noting several orders of the day.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Seconded by The Rev’d Janet Phillips

CARRIED

4. PROCEDURAL MOTION

That this Synod suspend so much of Standing Orders as is necessary to allow for the use of electronic voting, in accordance to the memorandum circulated to members of Synod, at this Session of Synod as and when the President shall determine.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Rev’d Janet Phillips

CARRIED

5. The President announced the appointment of Synod Minutes Secretaries (Mrs Susan Wilkins & Mrs Alison St Jack), Scrutineers (Ms Susan Arnold, Mr Jamie Anderson, Mr Leon Varghese, Ms Kris Coventry, Mrs Anna Halman, Mrs Nicole Crocker and Mrs Beth MacGillivray) and Timekeeper (The Bishop’s Executive Chaplain, The Rev’d Stuart Langshaw).

6. The President tabled the register of Members of the Synod.
7. The President tabled the names of those Members to whom he had granted leave from attendance and tabled the Register of Alternate Lay Members of Synod.
8. The Secretary of Synod, Mr Keith Stephens, was invited by the President to address matters regarding Work Health & Safety, Housekeeping and general Synod procedures.
9. The President tabled the parochial statistics and “Reports and Accounts for Synod 2016”, containing the following Annual and Special Reports and Accounts, previously distributed with the Notice Paper.

Members of Synod	Clergy Representatives
	Lay Representatives
Diocesan Reports	Diocesan Council Report to Synod
	Diocesan Administration and Resources Executive
	Mission and Evangelism Ministry Unit
	Education and Formation Ministry Unit
	Church in Society Ministry Unit
	Professional Standards
	The Guardian
	AnglicanFunds – South Australia
	St Barnabas College
	Youth Ministry Report
	Financial Operations
Parish Ministry	St Peter’s Cathedral
	Adelaide Area Deanery
	Eastern Area Deanery
	South Eastern Area Deanery
	Western Suburbs Area Deanery
	South Western Area Deanery
	Gawler Area Deanery
Anglican Societies	Anglican Cursillo Movement
	Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion SA
	Girls’ Friendly Society in SA Inc
	Mothers’ Union Australia – Diocese of Adelaide
Anglican Entities	Anglicare SA Ltd
	Anglicare-SA Housing Association
	Laura & Alfred West Cottage Homes Inc
	North Road Cemetery
	Leigh Trust
Anglican Schools	Liaison Officer’s Message
	Schools’ Chaplaincy
	St John’s Grammar
	St Peter’s College
	St Peter’s Girls’ School

	St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School
	Trinity College
Partner Organisations	Anglican Board of Mission
	Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students
	South Australian Council of Churches
	Bush Church Aid Society
	Schools Ministry Group
	Church Missionary Society SA/NT
	City Bible Forum
	Converge International
	SparkLit

10. No Petitions were presented.

11. **APPOINTMENT TO CHAIR OF COMMITTEES**

MOTION

That Mr Grant Chapman be appointed Chair of Committees for this session of Synod.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Rev'd Janet Phillips

CARRIED

12. **VOTE OF THANKS to the President for his Presidential Address**

MOTION

That a Vote of Thanks be accorded to the President for his Presidential Address to the Synod.

Moved by The Venerable Lyn McRostie

Seconded by Ms Sandy Mitchell

CARRIED

13. Motions arising from Presidential Address.

13.1 **PRAYER AND SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES**

MOTION

That Synod, recognizing that all people are made in the image of God and also recognizing the complexity of the issue and the potential to divide along political lines, calls on all Parishes of the Diocese and the church collectively to unite in both prayer and advocacy for refugees and asylum seekers both in Australia and internationally as a genuine response to the gospel of Christ and our responsibility to be a prophetic voice for the vulnerable in the world today.

Moved by The Rev'd Simon Jackson

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

CARRIED

13.2 **THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO THE NYLAND REPORT**

MOTION

The Nyland Report provides a once in a generation opportunity, and roadmap for fundamental change of the South Australia's failing Child Protection system; to better support families to nurture their children, to intervene before removal becomes inevitable and to better enable family based alternatives when it isn't safe for children to remain with their families.

We, as the Anglican Church, alongside other non-government organisations, Government, foster and kinship carers, family members and community alike, are custodians of this change. It is our responsibility to bring the Report's intent and recommendations to life, to ensure every child, no matter their experience, can be safe, to flourish and to become positive, contributing adults, building a better South Australia.

Accordingly, Synod calls on the State Government to seize the opportunity to lead and facilitate a broad based coalition to bring about the fundamental changes required through a formal, well-governed collaborative approach involving key stakeholders to oversee the prioritisation and implementation of the Nyland Report's recommendations so that we as the South Australian community can work together to promote a child safe and child friendly South Australia, supported by child centred and connected services, enabling children, no matter their experiences, to enjoy fullness of life.

Moved: The Rev'd Peter Sandeman

Seconded: Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary

CARRIED

13.3 HEARING THE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY

MOTION

That this Synod expresses its concern over the proposal by both Commonwealth and State Governments to use traditional South Australian Aboriginal lands for the disposal of nuclear waste. It acknowledges the difficulty experienced by traditional custodians in having their voices and concerns heard clearly, and listened to, by all interested parties. It calls upon both Commonwealth and State Governments to ensure that Aboriginal concerns have been well heard, respectfully considered, and taken into full consideration in the decision making.

Moved by The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

CARRIED

13.4 RESPONDING TO SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

MOTION

That this Synod affirms the President's remarks acknowledging the courage of survivors prepared to come forward and share their story of abuse within the Church; and

- offers again its unreserved apology to those who had been harmed by people holding positions of power and trust in the Church; and
- affirms the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse report into Redress and Civil Litigation and its key principles that redress to survivors must be survivor centred, just and fair, independent and accountable.

Moved: Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded: The Rev'd Peter Sandeman

CARRIED

13.5 **WORKING WITH THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

MOTION

That this Synod supports the Diocesan Leadership as it continues to engage positively with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and, in particular, affirms the Commission's report into Redress and Civil Litigation and its key principles that redress to survivors must be survivor centred, just and fair, independent and accountable, and encourages the Diocesan Leadership to participate in processes to ensure that the Anglican Church in South Australia moves towards meeting the Commission's recommendations concerning redress schemes.

Moved: The Venerable David Bassett

Seconded: The Venerable Lyn McRostie

CARRIED

14. The President called over the Notice Paper. Standing Orders provided for us to move into conference to discuss the matters referred to in Motion 22 and 29. Motion 30 was regarded as formal to be put forthwith without speech, amendment or debate.

FINANCE

15. **FINANCE**

Leave was granted by Synod for Mr Keith Stephens, Registrar and Secretary of Synod & Ms Susan Arnold, Finance Manager to present the Financial Statements for the Diocese of Adelaide.

15.1 **MOTION**

That Synod receives the Financial Statement for the 12 months ended 30 June 2016 and the Synod Operations Report 2016 as dispatched with the Notice Paper.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Kevin Stracey

CARRIED

15.2 **MOTION**

That Synod adopts the budget for the Year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 as dispatched with the Notice Paper.

Moved by **Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod**

Seconded by Mr Kevin Stracey

CARRIED

15.3 **ASSESSMENT**

MOTION

That Synod adopts the estimate of Diocesan Expenses for the year 2017 and the rate of assessment of 16.00% of assessable income for the year 2017 and encourages Diocesan Council to continue to investigate the feasibility of reducing the rate of assessment.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Kevin Stracey

CARRIED

LEGISLATION

16. **CANONS FOR ADOPTION – GENERAL SYNOD**

16.1 **CANON CONCERNING NSW PROVINCIAL SYNOD AMENDMENT RATIFICATION CANON 2015 MOTION**

That the Synod agrees in principle to a measure for an Ordinance to assent to a Bill for a Canon, the *New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ratification Canon 2015 (Bill 01, 2015)*.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Allan Perryman

CARRIED

As there was no call for the Synod to move into committee the President invited the mover to move that the measure be now passed.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Allan Perryman

That the Measure be now passed.

CARRIED

The President declared that as The See is vacant this Measure will not take effect until the new Archbishop is installed and can be confirmed at a subsequent session of Synod.

(“New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ratification Canon 2015 (Bill 01, 2015).” attached)

MOTIONS

17. **THANKS FOR ARCHBISHOP JEFFREY AND LINDY DRIVER**

Leave was granted by Synod to The Rev’d Mike Russell for The Rev’d Sam Bleby to move the motion and for The Rev’d Sam Bleby to move the motion in an amended form.

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod expresses heartfelt thanks to God for the faithful ministry of Archbishop Jeffrey and Lindy Driver within our Diocese.

Moved by The Rev’d Sam Bleby

Seconded by The Rev’d Mike Russell

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

18. THE COMPANION DIOCESE OF BOR

Leave was granted by Synod to The Rev'd Paul Mitchell to show two short videos and also to move the motion in an amended form.

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod:

- gives thanks for the contribution of Archbishop Jeffrey Driver and Lindy Driver in growing the friendship and partnership between the Diocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Bor;
- embraces the plans for the continuing development of that partnership, in particular the primary health clinic;
- gives in principle support for the project in extending short term financing (as determined by Diocesan Council) while funds for the latest stage of the primary health clinic project are being raised; and
- encourages all members of this Diocese to continue to support this mission partnership through prayer, financial support, sharing information and (where possible) direct involvement.

Moved by The Rev'd Paul Mitchell

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

CARRIED

19. BISHOP'S COURT

Leave was granted by Synod for Mr Keith Stephens, Registrar and Secretary of Synod to deliver a presentation in the order of 10 minutes.

MOTION

That Synod receives the progress report on the proposed subdivision of Bishop's Court.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by Mr Allan Perryman

CARRIED

20. ASSESSMENT

MOTION

That this Synod endorses Archbishop Jeffrey's proposal, made in his final Presidential Address, to target an assessment rate of 13%, as a medium term goal.

Moved by The Rev'd Mike Russell

Seconded by Mr Allan Perryman

CARRIED

21. TENURE FOR THE ARCHBISHOP OF ADELAIDE

MOTION

That this Synod requests Diocesan Council to investigate the feasibility of there being a 10-year tenure for Archbishops of Adelaide and bring their findings to the next Annual Session of Synod for discussion.

Moved by The Rev'd Paul Hunt

Seconded by Mr David Hamer

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Rev'd Paul Hunt

Seconded by Mr David Hamer

Delete: "there being"

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved by The Rev'd Peter Sandeman

Seconded by Mr Bruce Linn

Delete: "feasibility"

Add: "advisability"

CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED

That this Synod requests Diocesan Council to investigate the advisability of a 10-year tenure for Archbishops of Adelaide and bring their findings to the next Annual Session of Synod for discussion.

Moved by The Rev'd Paul Hunt

Seconded by Mr David Hamer

NOT CARRIED

SYNOD CONFERENCE & PLENARY

In accordance with the Standing Orders Ordinance (Part VIII – 34), the Synod moved into conference mode to discuss matters relating to Item 22 - Reconciliation Forum.

The Conference was facilitated by The Right Rev'd Dr Tim Harris (Administrator – *Sede Vacante*). There were three guest speakers: Ms Sonia Waters, Director of Aboriginal Services Anglicare SA; The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Adelaide and National Aboriginal Bishop; Mr Stewart Bogle, CEO, Australians Together.

Synod then resumed.

MOTIONS

22. **RECONCILIATION FORUM**

MOTION

That this Synod encourages the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group to incorporate the feedback from the Synod Reconciliation Forum in the early development of the Reconciliation Action Plan for the Diocese of Adelaide.

Moved by Ms Emma Riggs

Seconded by The Rev'd David Covington-Groth

CARRIED

23. **YOUTH MINISTRY**

MOTION

That this Synod affirms the value of Youth Ministry across the Diocese.

That we give thanks and praise to God for the significant effort undertaken by Diocesan Youth Coordinators in coordinating the termly Youth gathering, Thrive, and the encouragement and spurring this has been to many young people.

That we encourage parishes to pray for youth and youth ministry, that many young people would come to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ, growing and strengthening the church for the future.

That Diocesan Council investigates options to increase the resourcing of this ministry, seeking to make the Diocesan Youth Coordinator a full-time position in order to: encourage and support youth groups across the diocese, grow events and camps, resource parish and school based youth ministries, and train and mentor youth leaders.

Moved by Mr Nick van Ruth

Seconded by Mr Sam Jaenschke

CARRIED

24. **WEAVING A NEW CLOTH
MOTION**

That members of this Synod receive the 'Weaving a New Cloth' inter-church document for information, to share with others and to implement as is appropriate in their spheres of influence so as to honour Jesus' prayer in John 17:21.

Moved by The Rev'd Peter Balabanski

Seconded by The Rev'd David Covington-Groth

CARRIED

25. **ST BARNABAS COLLEGE
MOTION**

That the Synod gives thanks to God for the ministry and growth of St Barnabas College and commits to support the ongoing establishment of a leading theological library onsite, noting:

- the completion in August 2016 of the unpacking of all boxes of books, approximately 70,000 books;
- the commencement of cataloguing in early 2016, now at approximately 1,500 books;
- the outstanding contribution of volunteers from across the Diocese who assist each week;
- the 2016–2018 fundraising objective to raise \$210,000 through donations for the new position of Library Manager.

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

CARRIED

26. **POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY & CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY
MOTION**

That this Synod acknowledges the ongoing work of theologians and psychologists in the dialogue between Positive Psychology and Christian Theology, in particular the book *Flourishing in Faith: Theology Encountering Positive Psychology*, edited by scholars from St Barnabas' College and St Peter's College, and soon to be published by Cascade.

Moved by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey

CARRIED

27. **ANGLICAN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA (ASA) NATIONAL CONFERENCE
MOTION**

That this Synod gives thanks for the Anglican Schools Australia (ASA) National Conference held in Adelaide in August and attended by over 200 people from Anglican Schools across Australia. This Synod acknowledges the work of the organising committee, the staff and students of Anglican schools and the keynote speakers, including Bishop Garry Weatherill, who reinforced the theme of Rivers in the Desert and Anglican schools being "communities of hope". This Synod gives thanks for the leadership and support of Anglican schools provided by Archbishop Jeffrey Driver, including through his preaching at the conference Eucharist.

Moved by Ms Ann Nadge

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall

CARRIED

28. **MISSION AND EVANGELISM MINISTRY UNIT (MEMU)**

MOTION

This Synod notes with joy the openness there is to the good news of Jesus Christ among migrant populations in the Diocese, and encourages the Mission and Evangelism Ministry Unit to:

- a) facilitate the co-ordination of current efforts to welcome, support, serve and evangelise migrants and refugees;
- b) bring together current practitioners to share resources and learnings; and
- c) enable and resource other parishes to find ways in which they too might join in this aspect of our mission.

Moved by The Rev'd Sam Bleby

Seconded by Ms Sandy Mitchell

CARRIED

SYNOD CONFERENCE & PLENARY

In accordance with the Standing Orders Ordinance (Part VIII – 34), the Synod moved into conference mode to discuss matters relating to Item 29 – Bishop Nomination Committee Consultation Workshops.

The Conference was facilitated by Archdeacon David Bassett (Chair, Bishop Nomination Committee). The guest speaker was The Rev'd Dr Sandy Jones (Leading Connexions) who presented her report on the Bishop Nomination Committee Consultation Workshops.

Synod then resumed.

MOTIONS

29. **BISHOP NOMINATION COMMITTEE CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS**

MOTION

This Synod thanks all members of the Diocese who contributed to the Bishop Nomination Committee Consultation Workshops and encourages all clergy and parishioners of our Diocese to continue to pray for us (the Synod) as we meet in December to elect the next Archbishop of Adelaide.

Moved by The Venerable David Bassett

Seconded by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

CARRIED

30. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEIGH TRUST**

MOTIONS

- (a) That Synod notes the vacancies on the Leigh Trust created by the retirement of the Venerable Michael Whiting and on recommendation of Diocesan Council appoints Mr James Oliver as a representative of the Diocese of Adelaide to the Leigh Trust subject to his undertaking in writing, to retire from office under the conditions approved by the Third Session of the Forty Second Triennial Synod.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Rev'd Paul Mitchell

- (b) That Synod notes the vacancies on the Leigh Trust created by the retirement of the Mr Ken Pidgeon and on recommendation of Diocesan Council appoints Mr Dan Cregan as a representative of the Diocese of the Murray to the Leigh Trust subject to his undertaking in writing, to retire from office under the conditions approved by the Third Session of the Forty Second Triennial Synod.

Moved by Mr Keith Stephens, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Rev'd Paul Mitchell

CARRIED

31. VOTE OF THANKS for Synod Arrangements

MOTION

- To the Headmaster of St Peter's College, Mr Simon Murray and his staff, for the use of the Memorial Hall and other school facilities;
- To Mr Jason Hall of this School for his management of the school's facilities, which contributed to the smooth running of this session of Synod;
- To Chartwells Catering for their excellent and tasty catering at Synod;
- To The Rev'd Dr Sandy Jones for her presentation to Synod;
- To The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw and the Cathedral Team for the coordination of worship on Friday evening and prayers during the Synod sessions;
- To The President, Bishop Tim Harris, for his chairing;
- To the Chancellor, Mr Richard Dennis, the Secretary of Synod, Mr Keith Stephens for their preparatory work;
- To members of Diocesan Council and other committees and working groups for their talents and time applied to Synod business and the Anglicare SA Ltd Annual General meeting;
- To the Diocesan Office Staff, Mr Daniel Harris, Mrs Susan Wilkins, Ms Susan Arnold, Rev'd Darren Russ, Mr Simon Potter, Mr Alex Gatley, Mrs Nicole Crocker, Mrs Alison St Jack, Mrs Beth MacGillivray and Mrs Margaret Pointon for the preparation and organisation of Synod as well as Mr Jamie Anderson, Mrs Anna Halman, Mr Leon Varghese and Mrs Kris Coventry of Anglican Funds-South Australia; and
- To ourselves, the members of Synod for preparation of debates, co-operation, patience and good humour.

Moved by Mr Ian Gray

Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

32. CLOSING WORSHIP

Synod closed at 4.00 pm with Evening Prayer led by The Rev'd Janet Phillips