



## SYNOD 2022

### SUPPLEMENTARY PAPER 2

Motions Arising from the Notice Paper  
Questions Arising from Reports

#### Supplementary Motion re The Voice to Parliament

**Moved by Mr Ben Falcon**

**Seconded by Ms Elizabeth Ferguson**

That this Synod:

- a) calls all in the Anglican community to be an ally on voice, treaty and truth, respectfully supporting the voice of First Nations people and the move to enshrining a voice to Parliament in the Australian Constitution; and
- b) in acknowledging the Uluru Statement, encourages all Australians to walk alongside First Nations peoples in a movement for a better future.

#### Questions Arising from Notice Paper

**The Rev'd Mike Russell – Parish of Magill**

1. Could you please inform the synod of the number of South Sudanese congregations that meet in Anglican church buildings within our Diocese, and the length of time these congregations have been meeting.
2. What is the amount of weekly rent paid by these various congregations, in order for them to meet in those Anglican church buildings? How many of these are led by pastors who are unpaid for their pastoral roles?
3. Can the Archbishop please provide an update regarding the South Sudanese congregation that meets at Holy Cross, in the Elizabeth Parish: How confident can we be that this congregation will continue to be able to meet in the Elizabeth Parish building if they so choose, in the short to medium term? If discussions for redevelopment of that site commence, how will it be ensured that the South Sudanese congregation will be represented and given a voice and a vote at the key meetings?
4. In the Diocese of the Northern Territory, Indigenous leaders from remote communities have been ordained without the requirement for the usual formal academic qualifications, as these are not suitable for their culture and background. Is the Archbishop of the view that similar arrangements could be implemented in our own Diocese, for the South Sudanese congregations?



## Answers

1. Could you please inform the synod of the number of South Sudanese congregations that meet in Anglican church buildings within our Diocese, and the length of time these congregations have been meeting.

Parish	Start date
Elizabeth	2014
St Lukes Whitmore Square	2011/12
Ingle Farm	2016

2. What is the amount of weekly rent paid by these various congregations, in order for them to meet in those Anglican church buildings? How many of these are led by pastors who are unpaid for their pastoral roles?

	Rent paid?	Pastors paid/unpaid
Elizabeth	None	Don't know - Not paid through Diocesan Payroll
St Lukes Whitmore Square	None	Don't know - Not paid through Diocesan Payroll
Ingle Farm	Nominal amount	Don't Know - Not paid through Diocesan Payroll

3. Answer to be provided verbally
4. Answer to be provided verbally

### The Rev'd David Covington-Groth – Parish of Mitcham

Noting that the declared income for Holy Trinity over the period 2019 to 2021 and that the number of licenced clergy from Holy Trinity attending synod is 8, and the requirement in the "The Assessment Ordinance 1985" clause 18 states:

*"in no case shall parish income be less than the total remuneration paid to the parish priest, to any person licensed as assistant to the parish priest, and to any other person employed or engaged by a Church body for a purpose or purposes in connection with or associated with the purposes, activities or ministry of or conducted in connection with the parish."*

Can the secretary of Synod please explain what action is being taken to address this significant discrepancy (that is Holy Trinity's declared income clearly does not cover the cost of employment of 8 clergy) and explain to synod how the ordinance is being fully and fairly implemented.

**Answer -** Secretary of Synod has written to the Treasurer of Holy Trinity Adelaide seeking an explanation for the apparent discrepancy.