



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

**MINUTES OF
FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIFTH TRIENNIAL SYNOD
(168th Annual Session)
Friday 14 – Sunday 16 October 2022**

The 168th Session opened with the Synod worship in St Peter's Cathedral at 7:00pm on Friday 14th October 2022. The sermon was preached by The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, Archbishop of Adelaide.

On Saturday, 15th October 2022, following Morning Prayer led by The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw in Memorial Hall, St Peter's College, the President, The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, delivered the President's Address.

Following the President's Address, the President presented an Archbishop's pin to Christine Solomon (member of the former Seacliff Parish and invited guest of Synod), in recognition of her long service to and leadership in the Seacliff community. The presentation was made to great applause.

The Synod then convened for the dispatch of business. The President, 92 members of the clergy and 121 lay representatives were present.

1 The President welcomed members and remarked how encouraging it was to see so many members of the Synod present. The President gave thanks for all involved in the Synod worship on Friday evening, including St Peter's Cathedral team and The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw and encouraged more Synod members to attend the service in future.

2 **PROCEDURAL MOTION**
Moved by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod
Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett

That this Synod welcomes:

- The Observers from the Diocese of Willochra (Mrs Rosemary O'Leary, The Rev'd David Thompson & Mr Gavin Tyndale) and the Diocese of The Murray (The Rev'd Wayne Corker);
- Sudanese Missional 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 Observer from the Emmanuel Tamil Community, Parish of Lockleys



- The Observers from the Congregation of St Barnabas' Croydon;
- The Observer from MarThoma Church, Adelaide;
- Mr Blaine Fitzgerald, Head Anglican Funds South Australia (AFSA);
- Ms Fiona Boyle and Ms Katrina Thomas from Kooyoora Ltd;
- Mrs Susan McLeod, Senior Chaplain;
- Ms Sharon Lockwood, Survivor Advocate;
- Members of the Property, Finance and Resource Committee (PFRC) who are not members of Synod;
- Members of the Diocesan Risk & Audit Committee who are not members of Synod;
- Members of the Drafting Committee who are not members of Synod;
- Directors of the Board of AnglicareSA Ltd & AnglicareSA Housing Ltd who are not members of Synod;
- ABM Key Relations Manager, Ms Meagan Schwarz;
- Cathedral Chapter Canons who are not members of Synod; and
- 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.

CARRIED

3 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett

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

- Finance presentation
- Vision Workshop
- AnglicareSA AGM

CARRIED

4 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett

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

CARRIED

- 5** The President announced the appointment of the Synod Minutes Secretary (Ms Marianne Gillard) and Scrutineers (Mr Raffaele Angelino, Mr Leon Varghese, Mrs Kris Coventry, Mrs Anna Halman, Mrs Tracey Jolly and Mr Tom Gillard) and Timekeepers (The Rev'd Janet Phillips and The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw).



- 6 The President tabled the register of members of the Synod, announced the procedure for recording attendance, and welcomed members new to this session.
- 7 The President tabled the names of those members whom he has excused from attendance and tabled the Register of Alternate Lay Members of Synod.
- 8 The Secretary of Synod explained matters of procedure and personal comfort.
- 9 The President tabled the parochial statistics and “Reports and Accounts for Synod 2022”, containing the following Annual and Special Reports and Accounts, previously distributed.

Members of Synod	Clergy Representatives
	Lay Representatives
Diocesan Reports	Diocesan Council Report to Synod
	Secretary of Synod Report
	Property Finance & Resource Committee
	Children & Youth Ministry Unit
	Leadership & Education Ministry Unit
	Community Engagement Ministry Unit
	Diocesan Risk and Audit Committee
	Anglican Funds – South Australia
	St Barnabas College
	Formation & Ministry Discernment
	Chaplaincy
	Financial Operations
	ACNC – Annual Information Statement
Parish Ministry	Adelaide Area Deanery inc St Peter’s Cathedral
	Eastern Suburbs Area Deanery
	Gawler Area Deanery
	South Eastern Area Deanery
	South Western Area Deanery
	Western Suburbs Area Deanery
Anglican Societies	Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion SA
	Girls’ Friendly Society in SA Inc
	Mothers’ Union Australia – Diocese of Adelaide
Anglican Entities	AnglicareSA Ltd
	AnglicareSA Housing Ltd
	St Mark’s College
	Leigh Trust
Anglican Networks	Anglicans for Makarrata
	Anglican Ecumenical Network
	Anglican Creation Care Network
	Movement for the Ordination of Women
	Domestic & Family Violence Working Group



Anglican Schools	Schools Chaplaincy
	St John’s Grammar School
	St Peter’s College
	St Peter’s Girls
	St Peter’s Woodlands
	Trinity College
Partner Organisations	Anglican Board of Mission
	Churches Together SA (formerly SA Council of Churches)
	Bush Church Aid Society
	Schools Ministry Group
	Church Missionary Society SA/NT
	Engage Work Faith
	Converge International
	SparkLit

10 Petitions and Questions may be presented.

The President called for any questions to be brought forward. The President announced that four (4) questions have already received. Two have been published in the Notice Paper along with the answers and four (4) questions have been circulated with the supplementary papers. No petitions were received.

Questions Arising from Notice Paper

**10.1 Questions – South Sudanese Congregations
Submitted by The Rev’d Mike Russell – Parish of Magill**

Question

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?

Response

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

Question

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

Question

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?

Response

The morning congregation of Holy Cross will begin meeting in the church house from Advent Sunday. Discussions about the ongoing use of the Holy Cross building have not yet been had. I have had discussions with the Reverend David Amol concerning the future life of the South Sudanese congregation. I have committed to worshipping with and meeting with the congregation and its leaders early next year to discuss the future.

The Elizabeth Parish (which of course includes Holy Cross Church) is currently under management in accordance with s.85b of the Parochial Administration Ordinance as it is unable to meet its costs. As I understand it the Holy Cross building is in very poor condition and so decisions will need to be made about its future as the Synod cannot afford the cost of keeping the building open.

During the process of decision making concerning the Holy Cross, as long as the Holy Cross building is safe to use, and the running costs of the building can be paid by the South Sudanese congregation I am confident that the congregation will be able to meet in the church of the Holy Cross.

I have made a commitment to David that the South Sudanese congregations will have a seat at the table when discussions concerning the building take place. I cannot ensure the congregation has a vote at key meetings because for instance only members of Diocesan Council have a vote at Diocesan Council. I have assured David that I am aware of the challenges regarding a place for the congregation and I have undertaken to work with the leaders of the congregation to more fully include it in the life of the Diocese as I intend to do with the other two South Sudanese congregations.



Question

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?

Response

I understand the question as referring to remote aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory and answer accordingly as follows.

In the Northern Territory, all Aboriginal leaders who have been ordained have completed formal academic requirements, that being a minimum of a Certificate III course through Nungalinga College in Darwin. Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology is a three year course with students travelling to Darwin from their communities for two 2 week intensives each year. The intensives represent only 50% of the study load with the balance being completed in home communities. While the Certificate III is not a Bachelor of Theology it involves significant work and time over an extended period. The Nungalinga College website says that most students being their studies at the College with Foundation Studies, so the Certificate III in Christian Ministry is on top of foundation studies.

The situation of the three South Sudanese congregations in Adelaide is very different to that of remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory. For a start, the South Sudanese congregations are not remote but are immersed in the suburbs of Adelaide. While worship might be in Bari or Dinka the lives of congregation members are also lived among English speakers at school, work or recreation. South Sudanese children and young people attend mainstream primary and high schools as well as tertiary institutions. This will be increasingly the case as South Sudanese people live more time in Australia.

I hope that as much as possible people who are ordained in this Diocese will be sufficiently equipped to minister in a wide range of ministry settings therefore rigorous preparation for ordination is important. In my view thorough preparation is even more important to the current era where so few people in the community have any idea of Christianity. We need to be in mission rather than chaplaincy to a Christian society mode.

Though there are standard preparation requirements prior to ordination such as a Bachelor of Theology and participation in the formation program in the end it is a candidate's readiness for ordination that is the key. Completion of the study or participation in formation is no guarantee of ordination.

My view is that St Barnabas College provides very appropriate theological education for clergy to serve the parishes and other ministries of the Diocese.



While it would not be right for me not to consider other options for particular situations, I have to say on the basis of all I have said, I would be hesitant to approve them for ordination candidates in our Diocese.

10.2 Question – Holy Trinity Assessment
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 licensed 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.

Response

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

10.2.1 Supplementary question – Letter to Holy Trinity
Submitted by The Rev'd David Covington-Groth

Reverend David Covington-Groth sought leave under Standing Order s14(2)(c) to ask a supplementary question to request that the Secretary of Synod’s letter to Holy Trinity, as referred in the written response to the question, be tabled and copies provided to the members of Synod.

Response

Leave was granted and no objections were received. Copies were provided to the Members of Synod.

10.3 Assessment Ordinance
Submitted by: The Rev'd David Covington-Groth – Mitcham

In accordance with the Assessment Ordinance s3(7) “The Secretary of Synod shall provide to Diocesan Council a summary of assessable income, assessment, total instalments already paid and resulting balance with respect to each parish” has this information been provided to Diocesan Council each year over the last three years? If not why not? Recognising the significant effect Covid has had on the income of parishes and subsequently the Assessment they have been required to pay, can a summary of the assessable income, assessment, total instalments for



the last three years be provided to the Members of Synod through its inclusion in synod papers or handed out at synod? If not why not?

Response:

Diocesan Council is appraised of this information in the budgeting and planning process each year. Further, each year Diocesan Council considers the detailed circumstances of Parishes which may be excluded from sessions of Synod as a result of non-payment of Assessment or recoverable charges in accordance with S.17 of the Assessment Ordinance. The information has been provided to Diocesan Council.

The summaries for 2019, 2020 and 2021 are below.

2021 Assessment Acquittals

Parish	Net Assessable Income	Net Assessment 2021	Provisional Paid 2021	Acquittal Adjustment	
Belair	0	0	18,100		outstanding
Brighton	200,088	32,014	35,986	(3,972)	
Broadview Enfield	85,617	13,699	18,769	(5,070)	
Burnside	135,321	21,651	12,384	9,267	*
Campbelltown	174,556	27,929	27,592	337	
Christ Church North Adelaide	565,961	90,554	46,791	43,763	*
Clarence Gardens	133,728	21,396	22,242	(845)	
Coromandel Valley	0	0	24,396		outstanding
Elizabeth	33,282	5,325	12,632	(7,306)	
Elizabeth Downs	39,792	6,367	5,148	1,219	
Fullarton	102,760	16,442	16,585	(143)	
Gawler	104,975	16,796	16,162	634	
Glen Osmond	132,585	21,214	16,749	4,464	
Glenelg	237,503	38,000	34,977	3,023	
Golden Grove	83,492	13,359	15,886	(2,527)	
Goodwood	82,197	13,152	18,855	(5,703)	
Hawthorn	167,824	26,852	26,696	156	
Henley and Grange	134,716	21,555	19,351	2,204	
Holy Trinity Adelaide	55,220	8,835	14,886	(6,050)	
Ingle Farm/Para Hills	157,925	25,268	22,925	2,343	
Kangaroo Island	49,506	7,921	9,922	(2,001)	
Kapunda	35,799	5,728	6,690	(962)	
Kensington	188,338	30,134	29,912	222	*
Kidman Park & Mile End	124,609	19,937	19,024	913	*
Largs Bay	102,302	16,368	13,227	3,141	*
Lockleys	101,856	16,297	13,241	3,055	
Magill	181,236	28,998	29,060	(62)	*



Mallala	5,467	875	743	132	
Mitcham	261,568	41,851	38,149	3,701	
Modbury	164,954	26,393	26,204	189	
Norton Summit	7,737	1,238	1,805	(567)	
Norwood	103,271	16,523	21,224	(4,700)	
Parafield Gardens	41,024	6,564	5,954	610	
Parkside	126,016	20,163	21,484	(1,321)	
Payneham	84,188	13,470	12,043	1,428	
Plympton	91,459	14,633	16,711	(2,077)	
Port Adelaide	91,728	14,676	12,357	2,319	
Prospect	89,587	14,334	16,574	(2,240)	*
Salisbury	189,171	30,267	25,872	4,395	*
Seacliff	61,093	9,775	4,729	5,046	
Semaphore	107,801	17,248	15,481	1,767	
Somerton Park	112,836	18,054	18,279	(225)	
St Cyprian's North Adelaide	37,324	5,972	4,574	1,398	
St Francis' Trinity College	17,688	2,830	5,437	(2,607)	
St John's Halifax Street			26,530	-	outstanding
St Luke's Adelaide	151,772	24,284	23,245	1,039	
St Mary Magdalene's	93,502	14,960	13,403	1,558	
St Mary's South Road			42,634		received, queries
St Peters All Souls	133,465	21,354	20,587	768	
St Peter's Cathedral	319,035	51,046	55,478	(4,433)	
Stirling			30,465		outstanding
Tea Tree Gully	137,987	22,078	23,235	(1,157)	
The Barossa	140,143	22,423	21,857	565	
Toorak Gardens	92,963	14,874	11,639	3,236	
Two Wells	10,653	1,704	2,933	(1,229)	
Unley	317,066	50,731	50,165	566	*
Walkerville	115,282	18,445	20,451	(2,006)	
Warradale	137,679	22,029	20,455	1,573	
Woodville	91,339	14,614	11,315	3,299	
Total	6,744,986	1,079,197	1,170,200	51,123	



2020 Assessment Acquittals

Parish	Net Assessable Income	Assessment	Provisional Paid	Acquittal Adjustment
	2020	2020	2020	
Belair	113,123	18,100	20,115	(2,015)
Brighton	224,915	35,986	32,358	3,628
Broadview Enfield	117,306	18,769	11,284	7,485
Burnside	137,500	22,000	18,182	3,818
Campbelltown	172,449	27,592	21,123	6,469
Christ Church North Adelaide	237,746	38,039	86,904	(48,865)
Clarence Gardens	139,010	22,242	17,351	4,891
Coromandel Valley	-	-	24,396	-
Elizabeth	78,947	12,632	9,435	3,197
Elizabeth Downs	32,174	5,148	3,377	1,771
Fullarton	103,654	16,585	15,474	1,111
Gawler	101,012	16,162	16,989	(827)
Glen Osmond	104,683	16,749	16,085	664
Glenelg	218,609	34,977	22,100	12,877
Golden Grove	99,287	15,886	14,378	1,508
Goodwood	117,843	18,855	15,977	2,878
Hawthorn	166,850	26,696	25,699	997
Henley and Grange	120,944	19,351	12,028	7,323
Holy Trinity Adelaide	93,035	14,886	44,070	(29,184)
Ingle Farm/Para Hills	143,282	22,925	17,101	5,824
Kangaroo Island	62,015	9,922	5,677	4,245
Kapunda	41,814	6,690	6,011	679
Kensington	186,952	29,912	49,621	(19,709)
Kidman Park & Mile End	118,901	19,024	16,760	2,264
Largs Bay	82,669	13,227	13,383	(156)
Lockleys	82,759	13,241	17,898	(4,657)
Magill	181,624	29,060	29,297	(237)
Mallala	4,643	743	1,003	(260)
Mitcham	238,434	38,149	29,734	8,415
Modbury	163,772	26,204	16,763	9,441
Norton Summit	11,280	1,805	5,296	(3,491)
Norwood	132,647	21,224	20,513	711
Parafield Gardens	37,212	5,954	5,516	438
Parkside	136,504	21,841	15,504	6,337
Payneham	75,266	12,043	9,814	2,229
Plympton	104,442	16,771	12,211	4,560
Port Adelaide	77,233	12,357	9,441	2,916
Prospect	103,587	16,574	14,501	2,073
Salisbury	112,410	17,986	21,564	(3,578)
Seacliff	29,555	4,729	4,663	66
Semaphore	96,755	15,481	11,082	4,399



Somerton Park	114,243	18,279	16,254	2,025
St Cyprian's North Adelaide	28,587	4,574	5,759	(1,185)
St Francis' Trinity College	33,984	5,437	5,216	221
St John's Halifax Street	165,814	26,530	22,960	3,570
St Luke's Adelaide	145,280	23,245	30,925	(7,680)
St Mary Magdalene's	83,767	13,403	15,642	(2,239)
St Mary's South Road	266,465	42,634	52,825	(10,191)
St Peters All Souls	128,666	20,587	10,124	10,463
St Peter's Cathedral	346,740	55,478	50,551	4,927
Stirling	190,409	30,465	34,919	(4,454)
Tea Tree Gully	145,218	23,235	19,914	3,321
The Barossa	136,609	21,857	14,985	6,872
Toorak Gardens	72,741	11,639	11,151	488
Two Wells	18,332	2,933	2,637	296
Unley	313,530	50,165	23,429	26,736
Walkerville	127,821	20,451	19,508	943
Warradale	127,845	20,455	13,583	6,872
Woodville	70,720	11,315	11,862	(547)
Total	7,119,614	1,139,200	1,122,922	(547)

2019 Assessment Acquittals

Parish	Net Assessable Income 2019	Assessment 2019	Provisional Paid 2019	Acquittal Adjustment
Belair	125,713	20,114	21,452	(1,338)
Brighton	233,385	37,342	34,979	2,363
Broadview Enfield	90,291	14,447	15,823	(1,376)
Burnside	126,204	20,193	29,172	(8,979)
Campbelltown	186,840	29,894	30,973	(1,079)
Christ Church North Adelaide	344,781	55,165	115,876	(60,711)
Clarence Gardens	145,269	23,243	27,414	(4,171)
Coromandel Valley	152,477	24,396	25,856	(1,460)
Elizabeth	58,968	9,435	14,196	(4,761)
Elizabeth Downs	35,814	5,730	6,089	(359)
Fullarton	122,945	19,671	17,974	1,697
Gawler	106,183	16,989	17,742	(753)
Glen Osmond	132,257	21,161	21,599	(438)
Glenelg	247,335	39,574	41,944	(2,370)
Golden Grove	109,633	17,541	17,054	487
Goodwood	117,206	18,753	21,249	(2,496)
Hawthorn	160,588	25,694	27,311	(1,617)
Henley and Grange	135,663	21,706	19,305	2,401
Holy Trinity Adelaide	275,434	44,069	47,210	(3,141)
Ingle Farm/Para Hills	150,570	24,091	22,845	1,246
Kangaroo Island	51,662	8,266	7,355	911



Kapunda	39,315	6,290	5,637	653
Kensington	310,115	49,618	44,983	4,635
Kidman Park & Mile End	125,782	20,125	16,985	3,140
Largs Bay	99,757	15,961	17,106	(1,145)
Lockleys	113,070	18,091	16,264	1,827
Magill	251,721	40,275	43,932	(3,657)
Mallala	6,266	1,003	999	4
Mitcham	244,643	39,143	36,119	3,024
Modbury	178,416	28,547	26,874	1,673
Norton Summit	33,101	5,296	5,768	(472)
Norwood	128,197	20,512	11,111	9,401
Parafield Gardens	53,886	8,622	8,149	473
Parkside	108,177	17,308	15,504	1,804
Payneham	101,368	16,219	15,692	527
Plympton	114,501	18,320	16,314	2,006
Port Adelaide	90,478	14,476	12,477	1,999
Prospect	106,836	17,094	16,759	335
Salisbury	135,785	21,726	21,561	165
Seacliff	50,447	8,072	8,048	24
Semaphore	117,615	18,818	14,800	4,018
Somerton Park	119,905	19,185	19,287	(102)
St Cyprian's North Adelaide	35,980	5,757	8,576	(2,819)
St Francis' Trinity College	42,829	6,853	10,027	(3,174)
St John's Halifax Street	211,400	33,824	34,041	(217)
St Luke's Adelaide	193,285	30,926	31,434	(508)
St Mary Magdalene's	97,756	15,641	14,986	655
St Mary's South Road	336,211	53,794	53,251	543
St Peters All Souls	139,579	22,333	22,735	(402)
St Peter's Cathedral	353,070	56,491	52,375	4,116
Stirling	218,249	34,920	35,087	(167)
Tea Tree Gully	180,017	28,803	22,109	6,694
The Barossa	158,436	25,350	25,367	(17)
Toorak Gardens	95,078	15,212	18,653	(3,441)
Two Wells	20,643	3,303	2,452	851
Unley	235,202	37,632	29,616	8,016
Walkerville	141,186	22,590	22,805	(215)
Warradale	145,169	23,227	21,818	1,409
Woodville	93,724	14,996	14,261	735
Total	8,336,413	1,333,827	1,377,380	(43,553)



10.4 **Question - Cemeteries**
Submitted by The Rev'd Stephen Bloor

Can you please advise:

10.4.1 the number of vacant burial plots held in cemeteries on property held in trust by the Synod and the number of total plots, both those under the management of North Road Cemetery and also under the management of parishes.

Response

This information is for Synod Cemeteries – North Road and Mitcham. All other cemeteries are managed by Parishes. The Synod does not hold data on parish cemeteries.

As at 30 June 2022 there are just under 300 earth burial sites that are available for reuse under current regulations.

The current market value of these burial plots.

The market value of these plots is approximately \$1.5m at current rates.

10.4.2 The general maintenance state of all cemeteries that are associated with the Diocese.

Response

Synod managed cemeteries at North Road and Mitcham are well maintained by a small professional team.

10.4.3 What risk assessments are being carried out by the Diocese on poorly maintained and managed cemeteries and policies to manage cemeteries.

Response

North Road Cemetery is included in the Synod Risk Management planning process.

10.4.4 If any plans are in place for Digitising of Records owned by the Diocese and its entities.

Response

North Road Cemetery has all records stored on an electronic database (Paradox) including

- Burial records
- Licence records; and
- Plot information



The Synod Cemetery Manager and Secretary of Synod are evaluating options for a new Cemetery Management software package.

10.4.5 Are there any plans for general marketing of available burial plots held by the Diocese and its entities?

Response

North Road Cemetery is well known amongst Adelaide's Funeral Directors with whom our Cemetery Manager maintains active relationships. North Road maintains an informative website and Facebook presence.

10.4.6 Are there enough funds being placed into investments for the long term viability and maintenance of North Road Cemetery?

Response

There is currently approximately \$2 million in investment funds under management which relate to North Road Cemetery. North Road cemetery manages comfortably on its annual operating cashflow and provides a small surplus to the Synod.

10.4.7 And are there policies in place to ensure that other entities associated with the Diocese also are placing enough funds into investments for the long-term viability and maintenance of their cemeteries?

Response

No. In late 2017 Diocesan Council considered a report prepared by external consultants entitled "Aspects of North Road Cemetery". A number of changes to the operations of North Road cemetery ensued. On his appointment in 2020, Secretary of Synod identified governance and management of both Synod controlled as well as parish cemeteries as an issue and included it in the 2021 work plan. To that end in late 2021 we launched cemeteries review and strategy project. Synod is now being assisted in that work by an external consultant. Issues to be addressed in that review include:

- Governance and ownership structure, operating structures and approach – including the potential for an Anglican Cemetery Authority or similar. This question to include policies, pricing, operating rules etc;
- Viability, adequacy of reserves and improving commercial return;
- What investments might make sense to improve viability and returns – for example investment in columbarium's, mausoleums etc - and if so at what locations.

That work will be reported through the Property Finance and Resources Committee to Diocesan Council.



11 APPOINTMENT TO CHAIR OF COMMITTEES

Moved by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod

Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

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

CARRIED

12 VOTE OF THANKS to the President for his Address to the Diocese

Leave was granted by Synod for the Rev'd Jenny Wilson to second the motion.

Moved by Ms Sandy Mitchell

Seconded by The Rev'd Jenny Wilson

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

CARRIED

13 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MOTIONS ARISING FROM PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The President called for Motions Arising from the President's Address and Motions without Notice. See Item 41.

14 The President called over the Notice Paper. Motions 31, 35, 38, 39 and 40 were put forthwith without amendment or debate.

Moved by The Rev'd Paula Bullock

Seconded by The Rev'd Matthew Anstey

That Supplementary Paper Motion no.2 (re The Voice to Parliament) to be heard after Motion 36

CARRIED

Order of the Day - FINANCE – 11.00 am Saturday, 15 October 2022

15 FINANCE

Leave was granted by Synod for Mr Joe Thorp to present the Financial Statements for the Diocese of Adelaide in the absence of Ms Sue Arnold.

A presentation by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod.

MOTION

15.1 Moved by Mr Kevin Stracey

Seconded by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod

Leave was granted to move the motion in amended form:



That the Synod receives the Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022 and the Synod Operations Finance Report for the year ended 30th June 2022 as dispatched with the Notice Paper.

CARRIED

15.2 Moved by Mr Kevin Stracey

Seconded by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod

That Synod adopts the Synod Operations budget for the year ending 30 June 2023 as dispatched with the Notice Paper.

CARRIED

15.3 Moved by Mr Kevin Stracey

Seconded by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod

That Synod adopts the estimate of Diocesan Expenses for the 2023 year and the rate of assessment of 14.00% of assessable income for the 2023 year.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by The Rev'd Stephen Bloor

Seconded by the Rev'd David Covington-Groth

Delete:

"14.00% of assessable income for the 2023 year."

Add:

- *Every parish with Assessable income less than \$45,000 a rate of 10.00% of assessment*
- *Every parish with Assessable income in excess of \$45,000 will be required to contribute \$4,500 plus a rate of 16.00% of assessment of Assessable income in excess of \$45,000*

AMENDMENT LOST

MOTION AS IT STANDS:

That Synod adopts the estimate of Diocesan Expenses for the 2023 year and the rate of assessment of 14.00% of assessable income for the 2023 year.

CARRIED

LEGISLATION

16 CONSTITUTION - (COMMISSARY, VIRTUAL MEETINGS, LAY MEMBERS OF SYNOD) AMENDMENT MEASURE

Moved by Mr Philip Adams (Chancellor)

Seconded by Mr Joe Thorp (Secretary of Synod)

That the Measure to amend the Constitution passed at the 2021 session of Synod be now confirmed.



CARRIED

17 CANONS FOR ASSENT AND ADOPTION – EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF GENERAL SYNOD

17.1 **Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman**

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (Mandatory Suspension)

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to assent to the *Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Suspension) Canon 2022* (Canon 07, 2022).

CARRIED

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That the Measure be now passed.

CARRIED

17.2 CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (Mandatory Deposition)

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to assent to the *Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Deposition) Canon 2022* (Canon 08, 2022).

CARRIED

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That the Measure be now passed.

CARRIED

17.3 EPISCOPAL STANDARDS (CHILD PROTECTION) (Amendment)

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the *Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) (Amendment) Canon 2022* (Canon 09, 2022).

CARRIED

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That the Measure be now passed.

CARRIED



17.4 SAFE MINISTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENTS

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman
Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the *Safe Ministry Legislation Amendments Canon 2022* (Canon 11, 2022).

CARRIED

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman
Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That the Measure be now passed.

CARRIED

17.5 EPISCOPAL STANDARDS INVESTIGATIONS AMENDMENT

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman
Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance to adopt the *Episcopal Standards Investigations Amendment Canon 2022* (Canon 12, 2022).

CARRIED

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman
Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That the Measure be now passed.

CARRIED

18 COMMISSARY ORDINANCE 2022

Moved by Mr Philip Adams
Seconded by The Right Rev'd Dr Tim Harris

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure for an Ordinance relating to the appointment of a Commissary and for other purposes.

CARRIED

There was no call for the Synod to move into committee.

Moved by Mr Philip Adams
Seconded by The Right Rev'd Dr Tim Harris

That the Measure be now passed.

CARRIED

19 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ORDINANCE 2015

Moved by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod
Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure to amend the Professional Standards Ordinance.

CARRIED



There was no call for the Synod to move into committee.

Moved by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod
Seconded by The Venerable David Bassett

That the Measure be now passed.

CARRIED

20 EPISCOPAL STANDARDS ORDINANCE 2015

Moved by Mr Philip Adams (Chancellor)
Seconded by Mr Joe Thorp (Secretary of Synod)

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure to repeal the Episcopal Standards Ordinance.

CARRIED

There was no call for the Synod to move into committee.

Moved by Mr Philip Adams (Chancellor)
Seconded by Mr Joe Thorp (Secretary of Synod)

That the measure be now passed.

CARRIED

21 PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE 1985

Moved by Ms Katherine Dellit
Seconded by The Rev'd Michael Lane

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure to amend the Parochial Administration Ordinance.

CARRIED

There was no call for the Synod to move into committee.

Moved by Ms Katherine Dellit
Seconded by The Rev'd Michael Lane

That the measure be now passed.

CARRIED

22 CONSTITUTION (REDUCTION OF MEMBERSHIP OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL)

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman
Seconded by The Rev'd Michael Lane

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure to amend the Constitution.

LOST

23 DIOCESAN COUNCIL AND MINISTRY UNITS ORDINANCE 2007

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman
Seconded by The Rev'd Michael Lane

That this Synod agrees in principle to a Measure to amend the Diocesan Council and Ministry Units Ordinance 2007.



CARRIED

Synod called for consideration of the Measure in committee.
Synod convened as a committee of the whole to consider the Measure.
The committee recommended that the Measure be passed without amendment.
Synod resumed.

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman
Seconded by The Rev'd Michael Lane

That the measure be now passed.

CARRIED

MOTIONS

24 THANK YOU TO THE MINISTRY UNITS, PARISH OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson
Seconded by Mrs Vivien Bleby

That this Synod gives thanks to God for the work undertaken by the Ministry Units and for the commitment of Parish Officers, committee members and volunteers to further God's work in the Diocese of Adelaide.

CARRIED by acclamation

25 RECOGNITION OF FAITHFUL SERVICE, AND COMMITMENT TO RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Steve Daughtry
Seconded by The Rev'd Paula Bullock

That this Synod recognises and thanks the clergy and people of the Diocese of Adelaide for their faithful and ongoing ministry and worship during the pandemic.

We commend all those who are managing to maintain churches and ministries in a time when exhaustion, illness and less people to share the load, have been added to an already onerous workload.

We celebrate that the Spirit of God has been present in the darkness and light of the last few years and remind ourselves that God's love for us is constant, and that our response must be one of constant love of God and neighbour.

We commit ourselves to acting with grace, generosity and patience during this Synod, bringing to mind the stresses and tiredness so many have carried here with them. We will disagree boldly and honestly, but with love. We will agree joyfully but respectfully, with love.

We will honour the people we represent through our choice to act with grace at all times.

CARRIED



26 VISION WORKSHOP

Leave was granted by Synod to move into conference to discuss matters relating to the new Vision and Plan. The Secretary of Synod facilitated the conference and conducted a workshop.

27 BISHOP ARTHUR MALCOLM

Leave granted for The Reverend Julie Worrall to second the motion.

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Steve Daughtry

Seconded by The Reverend Julie Worrall

That this Synod celebrates and gives thanks for the life and ministry of Bishop Arthur Malcolm, Australia's first Aboriginal Bishop.

Bishop Arthur Malcolm made an extraordinary contribution to the Anglican Church of Australia. His committed leadership and his faithfulness to the Gospel of Christ, devotion to the wellbeing of all First Nations people in Australia, and unstinting service to his church, are gifts which we have treasured and which we honour.

We recognise Bishop Arthur's courage and wisdom, serving both his God and his culture with humility and strength. He inspired many indigenous leaders who are now helping lead our church into a fuller understanding of our spiritual and geographical gifts and heritage.

This Synod sends condolences to Aunty Coleen, and to Bishop Arthur's family, while committing ourselves to the ongoing work of reconciliation, as expressed in the prayer that Arthur and Coleen wrote together:

*Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled with you and reconciled with each other.
You made us in your likeness,
you gave us your Son Jesus Christ.
He has given us forgiveness from sin.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
different in culture,
but given new life in Jesus Christ,
together as your body, your Church, your people.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled, healed, forgiven,
sharing you with others as you have called us to do.
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one.
Amen. (APBA)*

Leave was granted for Synod attendees to stand and pray this prayer together.

CARRIED



28 CLIMATE CHANGE

Moved by The Rev'd Dr Steven Ogden

Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

That this Synod, noting the importance of GS-18 resolution R55/18 and the complexities involved in its implementation, and noting the excellent work of the Anglican Creation Care Network and Anglican Schools:

- a) establishes a Climate Action Working Group which will be tasked with development and implementation of the Diocesan response to GS-18 R55/18;
- b) that response will include actions for the Synod to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2040; public advocacy and events to raise public awareness and lobby policy makers, and ongoing co-ordination with the activities of the Anglican Creation Care Network;
- c) encourages Diocesan Council to allocate resources to the implementation of projects, initiatives and plans to ensure the Diocese of Adelaide fulfils its obligations towards achieving net zero by 2040;
- d) the Working Group will be appointed by the Archbishop in consultation with Diocesan Council; and
- e) the Working Group will report to the Diocesan Council with the status of a subcommittee of Diocesan Council and will report on its progress to Synod each year during this triennium.

This Synod authorises the Diocesan Council to establish a Climate Action Working Group for the purpose of expressing our concern in the public square.

CARRIED

29 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN

Moved by The Rev'd Michael Lane

Seconded by Ms Ann Nadge

That this Synod noting that,

- a) this year marks the 30th anniversary of the ordination of the first women priests in the Anglican Church of Australia and that by the end of 1992, 92 women had been ordained priests Australia wide; and
 - b) currently, according to the Anglican Church Directory 2020/21 there are 3,831 clergy of whom 888 (23%) are women. Of this number there are 7 bishops, 397 active priests, 171 active deacons, 66 whose position is not specified and 247 who are retired,
1. acknowledges the important contribution ordained women have made and continue to make to worship, ministry and leadership in the Anglican church; and
 2. affirms that women who are priests or bishops, teach and lead with full spiritual authority in this diocese.

CARRIED



30 MORAL ISSUES AND ORTHODOX BELIEF

Moved by The Rev'd Mike Russell

Seconded by Mr Daniel Clark

That this Synod,

- a) noting that the Bible, Book of Common Prayer and 39 Articles mandate true repentance as necessary to receive forgiveness of sins; and
- b) noting that the Bible and Book of Common Prayer not only enjoin general repentance, but also specific repentance with respect to specified moral commandments;
- c) affirms that, while they are absent from the historic creeds, such moral commandments make an important contribution to orthodox belief, and to the things necessary for salvation.

Vote on voices.

MOTION LOST

The mover called for an electronic vote.

MOTION LOST

31 ST BARNABAS COLLEGE

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman

Seconded by The Venerable Andrew Mintern

That this Synod,

- a) notes the large amount of work involved in finding a new tertiary provider;
- b) thanks the Principal of St Barnabas College, The Rev'd Dr Joan Riley, SBC staff and the College Council for their leadership in enabling the ongoing viability of St Barnabas Theological College;
- c) commends the College Staff for the high quality of the theological education provided and research conducted; and
- d) encourages the College to continue to also provide theological and ministry education programs at non-degree level, expanding accessibility to short courses, certificate and diploma programs to better equip all members of the church and the community for the mission and ministry of God.

CARRIED

32 THE PROVISION OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

Moved by The Rev'd Gwilym Henry-Edwards

Seconded by The Rev'd David Covington-Groth

Leave was granted to move the motion in amended form:

Synod acknowledges and supports the Diocesan Vision as presented to this Synod, and notes:

- a) the need to provide ordained ministry for Anglican faith communities;
- b) the increasing cost of providing full-time stipendiary clergy;
- c) the increasing number of parishes unable to pay full time stipends;



- d) the number of vacancies for parish ministry;
 - e) the shortage of appropriately educated and trained clergy;
 - f) the shortage of clergy available for locum tenens ministry;
- and therefore requests Diocesan Council to consult widely and to prepare a discussion paper that reviews and develops a variety of options for the provision of ordained ministry, with this paper being presented for discussion at the next session of Synod.

CARRIED

33 DIOCESE OF ADELAIDE PRIORITIES

Moved by Dr David Phillips

Seconded by The Rev'd Paul Devenport

Leave was granted to move the motion in an amended form:

That this Synod requests Diocesan Council, as it develops plans for the next three years, to foster flourishing and united church communities by giving priority to:

- a) encouraging all-age church communities, including preschool and school-age children, young adults, young couples and young families;
- b) encouraging greater involvement of males of all ages in church communities, to remedy the current imbalance of women outnumbering men by about two to one; and
- c) encouraging unity based on upholding the Christian faith and Christian living as set out in the Creeds, the Holy Scriptures, the teachings of Christ, the Book of Common Prayer.

AMENDMENT

Delete "(b) encouraging greater involvement of males of all ages in church communities, to remedy the current imbalance of women outnumbering men by about two to one;"

Change "(c)" to "(b)"

Moved by The Revered Julia Denny-Dimitriou

Seconded by Dr Sarah Black

CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED

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CARRIED



34 SUPPORTING INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN PARISH LIFE

Moved by The Rev'd David Brown

Seconded by The Rev'd Ben Woodd

That this Synod:

- a) notes that recent studies indicate that while a majority of church communities believe that they are fully inclusive of people with disabilities, many people with disabilities, their supports and their families experience barriers in accessing churches;
- b) recognises that full inclusion of people with disabilities within church communities is a necessary outworking of the gospel, and that people with disabilities are essential and contributing members of the body of Christ;
- c) commits to the development of a policy that reflects this desire for inclusion, and which describes pathways by which parishes may work towards full inclusion; and
- d) establishes a working committee which exists to support parishes to grow through this process via evaluation of existing practices and assist in the development and implementation of accessible meetings and facilities.

AMENDMENT

Delete: (a),(b),(c) and (d)

Add:

- a) Desires to make church life inclusive of people with disabilities.
- b) Establish a working group, and invite a Disability Advocacy organisation to consult, if possible, with the goal of forming a report and making recommendations to Diocesan Council.

Moved by The Rev'd Tim Sherwell

Seconded by The Venerable Sophie Relf-Christopher

AMENDMENT LOST

AMENDMENT

Add:

"(e) Aims to have at least one member with lived experience of disability included in this committee"

Moved by Mr Cooper David

Seconded by Ms Gemma Mayfied

AMENDMENT LOST



The Synod granted leave to The Rev'd David Brown to move the motion in an amended form:

Moved by The Rev'd David Brown
Seconded by The Rev'd Ben Woodd

Recognising a desire to make church life inclusive of all people with disability and recognising that a disability is any condition of the body or mind that impairs the person's ability to do certain activities or engage with the world around them, whether mental health, physical or intellectual, we request that this Synod:

- a) notes that recent studies indicate that while a majority of church communities believe that they are fully inclusive of people with disabilities, many people with disabilities, their supports and their families experience barriers in accessing churches;
- b) recognises that full inclusion of people with disabilities within church communities is a necessary outworking of the gospel, and that people of disabilities are essential and contributing members of the body of Christ;
- c) commits to the development of a policy that reflects this desire for inclusion, and which describes pathways by which parishes may work towards full inclusion;
- d) requests that the Archbishop establishes a working committee which exists to support parishes to grow through this process via evaluation of existing practices and assist in the development and implementation of accessible meetings and facilities; and
- e) ensures that any such committee contains members with a lived experience of disability and carers.

CARRIED

35 ABM PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE

Moved by The Rev'd Paul Devenport
Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Stephen Daughtry

That this Synod gives thanks to Bishop Chris McLeod as the previous Chair of the ABM Provincial Committee and to Bishop John Stead as the subsequent Acting Chair of the ABM Provincial Committee until September 2021 and to all parishes, church groups and individuals for their support to the ABM and its partners with funds totalling \$67,500 in 2021 and \$46,000 for the first six months of 2022.

CARRIED

36 IMPORTANCE OF ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER VOICES

Leave was granted by Synod for Mrs Vivien Bleby to move the motion and for The Reverend Julie Worrall to second the motion.

Moved by Mrs Vivien Bleby
Seconded by The Reverend Julie Worrall

That this Synod, recognising the proposal for a constitutional referendum on an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice:

- a) encourages all Australians to read and reflect upon the words of the *Uluru Statement from the Heart*;



- b) recommends study of the ABM publication *A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart* which is available from www.abmission.org/voice; and
- c) affirms the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices in the Anglican Church, especially the role of NATSIAC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council) and the National Aboriginal Bishop.

CARRIED

36a SUPPLEMENTARY MOTION: 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.

CARRIED

37 SOUTH SUDANESE COMMUNITIES

Moved by The Rev'd Canon William Deng

Seconded by The Rev'd Jo Smith

That this Synod:

- a) affirms and acknowledges the worshipping communities of South Sudanese that gather in the Diocese of Adelaide under a Missional congregation's licence;
- b) agrees to support and work with the South Sudanese clergy to develop and grow the ministry within the Diocese; and
- c) requests Diocesan Council to work with these "Missional congregations" to encourage them to transition to full membership of this Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide with the right to speak and vote by the next Synod.

CARRIED

38 ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA DIRECTORY

Moved by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod

Seconded The Rev'd Paula Bullock

That this Synod, noting GS-18 resolution R44/18 Broughton Publishing - Anglican Church of Australia Directory, commends the Board and management of Broughton Publishing and editor Colin Reilly on the production of the Anglican Church of Australia Directory in both print and online editions, and encourages parishes and members of the clergy to fully support this project by offering every assistance in keeping information up to date.

CARRIED



39 JOBSEEKER

Moved by The Rev'd Canon Peter Sandeman

Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Stephen Daughtry

That this Synod noting that:

- a) more than a million people across Australia live on government payments that do not cover the cost of housing, food, transport and healthcare;
- b) the next generation is paying the price of poverty. Over one million children live in households reliant on JobSeeker. Living on JobSeeker is the biggest risk to growing up in poverty; and
- c) the Government has previously briefly raised the rate of JobSeeker above the poverty line, lifting hundreds of thousands of people out of poverty. It has the power to do this again,
calls for:
 - a) an immediate raise to the rate of JobSeeker above the poverty line; and
 - b) the establishment of an independent Social Security Commission with the power to set government payments, to make sure payments never again fall below the poverty line.

CARRIED

40 COMMUNICANT MEMBERS & PARISH ROLLS

Moved by The Rev'd Stephen Bloor

Seconded by Mr Neil Woolman

That this Synod requests that Diocesan Council explores the option of parish electoral rolls, to help define who communicant members of parishes are, reporting back to Synod next year.

CARRIED

41 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – arising from Item 13

41.1 **Moved by The Venerable David Bassett**

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Steven Ogden

That this Synod asks Diocesan Council to review the calculation methodology for parish assessments, and to report to the next session of Synod.

CARRIED

41.2 **Moved by The Rev'd Dr Steven Ogden**

Seconded by Ms Kathryn Pugh

That this Synod asks Diocesan Council to conduct a governance review focussing on the purpose, composition and size of Diocesan Council. The review would encompass comprehensive parish engagement and consultation with independent persons. Subsequently, a report with recommendations will be made to the 2023 Synod.

CARRIED



41.3 Moved by The President

Seconded by Mr Joe Thorp, Secretary of Synod

That this Synod gives thanks to God for the exemplary service of Mr Bruce Linn AM to the Synod having retired as Chair of the AnglicareSA Ltd Board after nine years.

CARRIED with Acclamation

42 VOTE OF THANKS FOR SYNOD ARRANGEMENTS

Moved by The Rev'd Stephen Bloor

Seconded by Ms Emma Riggs

- To the Headmaster of St Peter's College, Mr Tim Browning and his staff, for the use of the Memorial Hall and other school facilities;
- to Mr David Williams, Venue Manager, 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 catering at Synod;
- to The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw and The Rev'd Janet Phillips for the coordination of worship on Friday evening and prayers during the Synod sessions;
- to the President, Archbishop Geoff Smith, for his chairing;
- to the Chancellor, Mr Phillip Adams, and the Secretary of Synod, Mr Joe Thorp 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 our Chairman of Committees, Mr Grant Chapman; and
- to the Diocesan Office Staff for ensuring that our Synod has been possible.

CARRIED with Acclamation

43 CLOSING WORSHIP

This session of Synod closed at 5.40pm on Sunday 16 October with Evening Prayer and the President declaring that Synod was adjourned.