

**THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
FOURTEENTH SESSION 2007**

Business Paper for the Sixth Day – Thursday 24 October 2007

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Synod will assemble in the Synod Hall at 8.15am.
2. Prayers will be led by the President's Chaplain
3. The Minutes of the previous day's meeting to be confirmed.
4. Questions to be answered
5. Petitions
6. Notices of Questions
7. Notices of Motions

8. **Orders of The Day**
Summary of Orders of the Day

Thursday 25 October 2007

9.00am Declaration of Elections

After the declaration of the election of members of the Special Tribunal

- (i) Completion of the Committee Stage of the Special Tribunal Canon(10.2)
- (ii) Passing of the Special Tribunal Repeal Canon (10.1)
- (iii) Passing of the Special Tribunal Canon (10.2)
- (iv) Passing of the Episcopal Standards Canon (12.1)
- (v) Passing of the National Register Canon and Protocols (10.4 and 14.23)

10.00am Long Service Leave Bill

Motion 10.3

Constitutional Amendment (Provinces and Dioceses) Canon

Motion 10.5

Restraint on Certain Consecrations Canon (P3, 2004)

Motion 12.4

The Protection of the Environment Canon

Motion 14.1

7.30pm Bishops to The Defence Force – Past and Present

Motions 14.2

Friday 26 October 2007

10.30am Finance

- 8.1 That the Financial projections for the period from the year following the Synod (2008) to the year of the next expected Synod (2010) be received. Mr John McKenzie

- 8.2 That Synod approves the aggregate of the estimate of the costs, charges and expenses for the subsequent year (2008) in respect of matters referred to in paragraphs 32(2)(a), (b1), (c) and (e) of the Constitution. Mr John McKenzie
- 9 **CALL OVER OF MOTIONS**
- 10 **Motions by request of Standing Committee**
Motions for Bills and Rules by request of Standing Committee
- 10.1 The Special Tribunal Repeal Canon
That a bill for a Canon to repeal the Special Tribunal Canon 2004 pass as a Canon of this Synod. [Bill No. 13] The Hon Justice David Bleby
- 10.2 The Special Tribunal Canon
That a bill for a Canon to provide for the investigation of matters which may become the subject of a charge before the Special Tribunal and to provide for the appointment and procedure of the Special Tribunal pass as a Canon of this Synod. [Bill No. 14] The Hon Justice David Bleby
- 10.3 The Long Service Leave Canon Amendment Canon
That a bill for a Canon to amend the Long Service Leave Canon 1992 - 1995 be approved in principle. [Bill No. 05] Bishop David McCall
- 10.4 The National Register Canon
That a bill for a Canon to replace the National Register Canon 2004 pass as a Canon of this Synod. [Bill No. 12] Garth Blake, SC
- 10.5 Constitutional Amendment (Provinces and Dioceses) Canon
That a bill for a Canon to amend various sections of the Constitution be approved. [Bill No. 19] Hon Mr Justice Peter Young
- 10.6 Membership of Standing Committee
That a bill for a Rule to amend Clause 2 of Rule 2 provide for the appointment of a member of General Synod nominated by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Commission to be a member of the Standing Committee, pass as a Canon of the Synod. [Bill No. R-04] Mr Eric Ross-Adjie
- 11 **Motions by request of the House of Bishops**
- 12 **Notices of motion for recommitment of Provisional Canons under sec. 28(3)(iii) of the Constitution [SO 7(k)]**
- 12.1 Episcopal Standards Canon (P4, 2004)
That a bill for a Canon relating to professional standards of bishops and other purposes pass as a Canon of the Synod.[Bill No. 16] The Hon Justice David Bleby
- 12.3 Canon Concerning Holy Orders (P2, 2004)
That a bill for a Canon concerning Holy Orders and the minimum requirements for ordination pass as a Canon of the Synod. [Bill No. 18] Bishop Brian Farran
- 12.4 Restraint on Certain Consecrations Canon (P3, 2004)
That a bill for a Canon for restraint on certain consecrations be approved in principle. [Bill No. 20] Mr Ian Walker

13 **Motions from General Synod Commissions and Committees**13.1 Liturgy CommissionThe Revd
Elizabeth Smith

That this Synod:

- a) affirms that an ordered, public reading of the holy scriptures in their fullness is a fundamental principle of doctrine and worship in the Anglican tradition, the dilution of which should not be contemplated.
- b) expresses its appreciation to the Liturgy Commission for its response to the Day of Mourning following the Indian Ocean tsunami, and affirms the principle that when such resources are needed urgently, the Chair with two nominated members of the Commission be authorised to act.
- c) welcomes the resources issued by the Liturgy Commission on the environment, situations following the disclosure of abuse, services where children are present, and further resources related to marriage, and commends them to the Anglican Church of Australia for use and response.
- d) receives and welcomes the 2005 Report of the *International Anglican Liturgical Consultation* (the 'Prague Report') on 'Liturgy and Anglican Identity' as a contribution to considering worship in a mission-shaped church, and commends it to all members of the Anglican Church of Australia.
- e) commends the Liturgy Commission for its programme of Workshops Encouraging Liturgical Life (WELLs), and encourages it to further develop its educational role.
- f) encourages the Liturgy Commission to continue its work on Holy Communion services, including musical settings, new Thanksgiving Prayers, and supplementary seasonal material.

13.2 Liturgy Commission & Broughton Publications P/L (amended)Mr John
McKenzie

That this Synod:

- a) expresses its appreciation to the Liturgy Commission and Broughton Publications for the publication of the *APBA-based* Lectionary book in 2005, 2006 and 2007, of *Daily Services* (in response to a request from the Defence Forces Board), and of *Ministry with the Sick & Dying*.
- b) congratulates Broughton Publications upon its inaugural publication not related to *APBA*, *Prayer and Plays for Christmas and Holy Week*, by the Revd Dr Elizabeth Smith, member of the Liturgy Commission.
- c) notes with appreciation that *LabOra Worship* (known as *e-pray* to Australian Anglicans) has been taken up by the Roman Catholic and Uniting Church in Australia, by the Anglican Church of Aotearoa / New Zealand, and by the Australian Hymn Book Company, congratulates Broughton Publishing on its being the catalyst for this, and encourages the development of ecumenical training events;

14 Motions from Members of the Synod

- 14.1 The Protection of the Environment Canon Bishop George Browning
That a bill for a Canon to assist in the protection of the environment be approved in principle. [Bill No. 21]
- 14.2 Bishops to the Defence Force – Past and Present Mr Allan Sauer
That General Synod welcomes the Report of the Defence Force Board and affirms the ministry of the Anglican Church to members of the Australian Defence Force, especially through its military chaplains.
Further, Synod:
1. notes the passing of the Third Bishop to the Defence Force (1994-2001), the Right Reverend Brian Franklin Vernon King, and gives thanks to God for his dedicated ministry whilst responsible for a large episcopal region;
 2. expresses its gratitude to God for the ministry of the Fourth Bishop to the Defence Force (2001-2006), the Right Reverend Dr Thomas Robert Frame, the first person to hold this position full time, who served untiringly and who introduced many initiatives which will continue to enrich this special ministry of our Church; and
 3. welcomes the appointment, consecration and installation of the Right Reverend Leonard Sidney Eacott AM, as the Fifth Bishop and assures him of its prayers and encouragement as he commences this ministry.
- 14.3 Women Bishops Archbishop Philip Freier
That this Synod
- Notes the decision of the Appellate Tribunal and welcomes the clarity it brings to the question of the eligibility of women for admission to the order of bishop in the Anglican Church of Australia.
 - Requests the Standing Committee to monitor developments in relation to women bishops including provisions made for those who decline to receive the ministry of a woman bishop and report to the next session of General Synod.
- 14.4 Lectionary Bishop David McCall
This Synod request the Liturgical Commission to review the Sunday Lectionary of *A Prayer Book for Australia* with a view to:
- a) shortening the readings and
 - b) restoring the principle that the first reading and the psalm point toward the Gospel Reading.
- 14.5 Giving Thanks(amended) Dr Barry Newman
Synod humbly acknowledges that in the determined love of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, died for our sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, bearing our guilt in our place, enabling our redemption from the slavery and curse of sin, our total forgiveness, no debt owing, freely given but obtained at great cost, a righteousness from God, not our own, peace with God, reconciled to him, no longer his enemies, our adoption as his children, and our salvation from the coming

wrath on the Day of the Lord and gives heartfelt thanks to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, for his overwhelming grace, love and mercy.

- 14.6 National Home Mission Fund
This Synod, recognising the large financial needs required to provide ministry in remote Australia and the 'The Bush' and the needs amongst Indigenous Communities recognises the work of the NHMF and calls upon all Dioceses, Parishes and church members to support this fund. Bishop David Mulready
- 14.7 Domestic Violence Support
General Synod recognises the grave risks inherent in clergy responding to cases of family violence and the duty of care which every diocese carries to provide clergy with adequate training and support regarding domestic abuse cases. Further that this General Synod endorse and assist the Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project in providing every Australian parish with its upcoming "Not in my Church" CD providing basic training and resources for networking and support of clergy responding to domestic violence cases. Mrs Lorraine Stafford
- 14.8 Drought Funds
That in light of there being over \$2 million in the Reserve Fund of General Synod, this synod agrees to give the dioceses suffering from drought a total of \$1 million in 2008 from this Reserve Fund and requests Standing Committee to consult with the Bishops of these dioceses suffering from drought in determining the distribution of this million dollar gift. Archdeacon Dr Paul Barker
- 14.9 General Synod Sunday Timetable
That this Synod urges the Standing Committee to avoid scheduling Sunday morning business sessions at future meetings of the General Synod. Archdeacon Colin Reilly
- 14.10 Electronic Form of AAPB(amended)
That given the fact that *An Australian Prayer Book* is now out of print, and that many congregations across Australia are continuing to use AAPB, this Synod recommends that Standing Committee arrange for Broughton Publishing to make the text of AAPB available electronically in a form and with a licence that facilitates modification, reformatting and re-expression and without cost for those churches who wish to continue using this liturgical resource. The Rev Zachary Veron
- 14.11 Strategic Issues Canon
Noting the deletion of subsection (3) of section 27 of the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Taskforces and Networks Canon 1998 that this General Synod requests Standing Committee to establish a procedure for the regular review of the purpose, relevance, and ongoing need for all Commissions, Taskforces and Networks and to report such review procedure to the next session of General Synod. Bishop Ralph David Farrer
- 14.12 Titles
That clergy in the church hierarchy be designated in General Synod as follows:
Archbishop rather than *Most Reverend*
Bishop rather than *Right Reverend*
Archdeacon rather than *The Venerable* Archdeacon Philip John Newman

14.13 Indigenous Identity and Australian LifeThe Rev Robert
John Haynes

That this General Synod

(a) is troubled by

- (i) the Federal Parliament's promotion of any legislation that avoids the granting of human rights or that removed those rights from its own citizens or from others, and
- (ii) the use of the language of crisis and emergency in our parliaments and in the media to promote the current precipitous interventions in Aboriginal towns and camps in the Northern Territory, sidestepping blame for decades of disinterest, and avoiding the charge that Australians are not willing to bear the cost of implementing long-term strategies of justice building, and
- (iii) emerging signs of the introduction of an overt policy of "mainstreaming" in relation to Indigenous Australians, whose unique identity and rich and ancient heritage ought to be celebrated and cherished rather than extinguished, and
- (iv) the avoidance of open public debate and vigorous collaboration when introducing policy changes that are certain to disturb Indigenous peoples across our nation, altering forever their human and cultural rights, freedoms and aspirations, and

(b) Calls on all Australians, especially our parliamentarians, media and opinion changers and all Anglicans

- (i) to embrace and cherish the unique identities of the diversity of Indigenous societies in Australia and promote rich partnerships and mutual respect and avoid the injustice of assimilation in its various guises, and
- (ii) to honour public debate and the forging of strong community partnerships, and to expose and condemn deceit and all techniques of social manipulation that bypass democratic process and ignore the needs and human rights of the poor and marginalised, and

(c) Calls on our Federal Government

- (i) to engage with the government of the Northern Territory to actively implement, with liberal resources, a "Generational Plan of Action for Closing the Gap of Indigenous Disadvantage" and to adopt bi-partisan generational reform across all Australia as a means of enriching the future of all Indigenous Australians, and
- (ii) to promote a nationwide debate as to how to ensure the continuation of a rich Indigenous identity in Australian society, and

(d) requests that the General Secretary takes appropriate steps to petition the governor General to promote, as soon as possible, a national decade of Australia's Indigenous languages as a means of making all Australians vitally aware of the enduring cultural wealth that runs alongside the mainstream of Western Society in this ancient land.

14.14 TEC Discussion OutcomesArchdeacon Paul
Barker

That synod requests the Primate to send to all General Synod representatives a copy of his summation from the small group session on Monday night and a copy of his response to the Archbishop of Canterbury on the issue of the TEC response given to the Joint Standing Committee.

- 14.15 Defence Force Diocese
That noting the importance of ministry to the Australian Defence Force and their families and other associated people, this synod requests the Bishop of the Defence Force:
1. to formulate a proposal for establishing the Defence Force as a diocese with authority appropriate for ministry to the Australian Defence Force and similar governance arrangements, and with this end in view
 2. to consult widely with other appropriate people, and representatives from other dioceses and other Defence Force Bishops within the Anglican Communion; and also
 3. to gain any transferable insights from the model of ministry already established for the Indigenous peoples; and also
 4. to assemble appropriate answers to objections previously raised against creating a Diocese to serve the Australian Defence Force; and
 5. to bring the proposal to the next General Synod for consideration.
- The Rev Warwick de Jersey
- 14.16 National Anglican Conference (III)
That this General Synod supports, with energy, the idea of running a National Anglican Conference within the next three years, and Requests Standing Committee to oversee the organizing of this conference, noting recent offers of support from Grafton and Perth Dioceses.
- The Reverend Shane Hubner
- 14.17 Website Information
That Synod, noting that in appendix 3 of the Report of the Professional Standards Commission containing the summary of professional standards information on diocesan websites, the information pertaining to the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne is incorrect, agrees that:
- a. The correct information is
<http://www.melbourne.anglican.com.au/main.php?id=983>
 - b. The report on the General Synod website will be updated with the correct information.
- Jane Still
- 14.18 Ministry Commission Report
That this General Synod notes the report of the Ministry Commission and in particular the comments and data relating to the ageing profile of Anglican clergy and the conclusion “that there is a looming crisis that will deeply affect this church within the next five years”, and requests Standing Committee to communicate this report to every appropriate Diocesan officer or committee for their serious consideration and practical response.
Further that this General Synod request the Ministry Commission to do further research on this matter and bring its report to the next meeting of this synod.
- The Rev Richard Trist
- 14.19 Fair Trade
That this Synod,
because of our commitment to implementing the Millennium Development Goals, requests that at future General Synods, Fair Trade tea and coffee should be served.
- Deaconess Margaret Rodgers
- 14.20 Anniversary of Abolition of Slavery
That this Synod recognizes the two hundredth anniversary of the British
- Andrew Sempell

Parliament passing of an act to outlaw the slave trade in its colonies on 25th March.

We give thanks for the key role played by Christians in bringing about the end of slavery, while also acknowledging that the church sometimes colluded with this injustice and drew financial profit from it.

As Christians we commit ourselves to overcoming injustice and inequality in our society both arising from the past practices of slavery and from present practices that involve the trafficking of human beings.

14.21 General Synod Voting System

That Standing Committee appoints a committee to investigate the various voting systems that might be used in future General Synod elections, and report the merits and demerits of each to the 15th General Synod.

Archdeacon Dr
David James
Powys

14.22 Ministry and Climate Change

1. That this General Synod recognises that this Church has an obligation to support ministry in areas of Australia where climate change and similar forces have affected the ability of the local people to provide it to the necessary level.
2. The General Synod recommends that the most appropriate way of dealing with this obligation in the short term is for each diocese to ensure that the national home Mission Fund received proper funding.
3. A Task Force of Bps Curnow, Hough, Stephens and Wetherill be appointed to report, and make recommendations to Standing Committee on how ministry can be more adequately resourced in Dioceses suffering from the impact of climate change.

Justice Peter
Young

14.23 Protocol for Access

That the protocol for access to and disclosure of information in the National Register 2007 be recommitted on 25 October to insert an additional clause dealing with consecration of a bishop as follows:

Garth Blake SC

Consecration of bishop

15. Where a person in priest's orders is to be consecrated a bishop:
- a) The Director of Professional Standards of the diocese for or in respect of which the consecration is to take place; or
 - b) The Director of Professional Standards of the diocese of the Primate where the consecration is not to be for or in respect of a diocese;

Is authorised to have access to any information in the National Register relating to the person. The Director of Professional Standards is authorised to disclose whether there is any such, and if so what, information to the person to be consecrated and the consecrating bishops.

NOTE:

1. A huddle on motions 14.6, 14.8. and 14.22 will be held in the Chapel during Morning Tea.
2. It may be necessary to suspend Standing Orders to allow more time for legislation if the legislative programme lags.