

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH DAY OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL SYNOD  
OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA  
HELD IN SYNOD HALL, WANDINY ROOM,  
NOVOTEL TWIN WATERS RESORT, MAROOCHYDORE  
ON THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**1 SYNOD ASSEMBLED**

The Synod reconvened at 8.30 am with the Primate, Archbishop Philip Freier, presiding.

**2 PRAYERS**

The Synod opened with a service of morning prayer led by the Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith.

The President's Chaplain, the Rev'd Julie Worrall, led the prayer for the General Synod prior to the commencement of business.

**3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous day will be read and confirmed on the resumption of business after the afternoon tea adjournment.

**4 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

The President gave the following responses:

**Standing Committee and the Long Service Leave Board**

**Question 5:**

Mr Tim McGhie asked the following question.

The Standing Committee's report, at page 2-046 refers to disallowing a regulation made by the Long Service Leave Fund:

- a) What was the nature of this regulation?
- b) What was the basis for disallowing this regulation?
- c) What are the implications resulting from the disallowance of this regulation?

The President gave the following response::

- a) At its meeting in November 2016 the Standing Committee disallowed a regulation made by the Long Service Leave Board.

The regulation made by the Board established the new category of participant in the Long Service Leave Fund. The new class of eligible participant being "the ordained, unlicensed, pastoral class of people" who are:

- a. employed by a participating diocese or participating organization, and
- b. ordained, and
- c. engaged in pastoral duties, and
- d. not licenced by a bishop of a diocese.

- b) Standing Committee resolved to disallow the regulation following discussion on the definition of the class of participant.
- c) Section 9(6) of the Long Service Leave Board provides that the disallowance does not invalidate or affect anything done or contracted to be done under a rule or regulation before its disallowance.

## **Electronic Voting Devices**

### **Question 6:**

Mr Malcolm Purvis asked the following question.

Were all of the electronic voting devices collected at the end of the Tuesday and Wednesday Sessions of Synod?

The President gave the following response:

Yes.

### **5 PETITIONS**

The President called for Petitions  
None were received.

### **6 NOTICES OF QUESTIONS**

None were received.

### **7 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Bishop John Ford sought leave to bring a motion to make Motion 22.8 an Order of the Day for 1.30pm. Leave was granted.

Bishop John Ford moving, Archbishop Glenn Davies seconding, That motion **22.8 Scottish Episcopal Church** be made on Order of the Day for Thursday 7 September 2017 at 1.30 pm.

***Carried***

Notice was given of the following motions

Bishop Philip Huggins - Rohingya Muslim People  
The Rev'd James Harricks – Request for Doctrine Commission Report

Justice Richard Refshauge signalled his intention to bring Motion 22.13 formally.

Bishop Peter Lin sought leave to withdraw his amendment to Motion 16.19. Leave was granted.

Bishop Garry Weatherill sought leave of Synod to make a statement on the General Synod liturgies. Leave was granted.

Bishop Garry stated that the liturgies had been prepared by the members of the Liturgical Commission to reflect the breadth of

expression and tradition with the Anglican Church of Australia. He regretted that the choice of some of the music had unintentionally caused offence to some persons, for which he apologised and sought to undertake that future liturgies not be the cause of offence.

## 8 CALL OVER THE MOTIONS

The following motion was passed formally

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### **16.21 Marriage, same-sex marriage and the blessing of same-sex relationships**

Bishop Michael Stead moving, The Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee seconding

The General Synod –

- (i) recognises that the doctrine of our church, in line with traditional Christian teaching, is that marriage is an exclusive and lifelong union of a man and a woman, and further,
- (ii) recognises that this has been the subject of several General Synod resolutions over the past fifteen years, and also
- (iii) recognises that the nature of marriage is the subject of ongoing conversation within the church and wider community and that we need to listen to each other with care and respect, and
- (iv) acknowledges the experiences and genuine concerns of LGBTIQ+ people within the church and the community, and therefore
- (v) asks the Doctrine Commission to facilitate a respectful conversation in our church by means of a collection of essays on marriage and same-sex relationships that explores Scriptural and theological issues relating to:
  - a. The doctrine of marriage expressed in the formularies of the Anglican Church of Australia
  - b. Our current Australian context, exploring the relationship between the State's definition of marriage and the church's doctrine of marriage
  - c. Key Old Testament and New Testament texts on sex, marriage and friendship
  - d. Scripture and hermeneutics
  - e. A theology of blessing
  - f. A theology of desire
  - g. Godly disagreement on this issue
  - h. The case for and against same-sex marriage and/or the blessing of same-sex unions.

***Carried***

## 9 REPORTS

Mr Michael Meek SC, Chair of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, reported to the Synod on a question with regard to the election for the Panel of Electors of the Primate in the House of Laity.

Three candidates tied for the final position. Standing Orders

provide that the Primate has a casting vote, but the mechanism for using that casting vote is not defined. The question of determining the mechanism for the vote was referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for determination.

The Committee determined that the casting vote be determined by lot.

The President moved that the report be received.

**Carried**

**10 ORDER OF THE DAY (9.30AM THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017)**

**Financial Motions**

**16.3 Motions relating to Financial Matters (Book Ref 3)  
Criterion (a)**

Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding

16.3.4 That the General Synod budget for the year ended 31 December 2018, be approved.

16.3.5 That Synod receives the General Synod forecast budget for years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020.

**Amendment**

Bishop Stead moving, Gavin Poole seconding

That the Budget for 2018 not include the figure of \$150,000 set aside for Safe Ministry Audits.

**Carried**

Moved that further consideration of the Budget be an Order of the Day at 9.30am on Friday.

**Carried**

**11 MOTIONS FOR BILLS FOR CANONS BY REQUEST OF  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

**17.10 Bill 10A – A Bill for the Canon Concerning  
Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017**

Resumption of the debate in principle of Bills 10A and 10B.

Bishop Michael Stead moving, Mr Garth Blake SC seconding

That the Bill for the Canon Concerning Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

**Carried**

Bishop Michael Stead moving, Mr Garth Blake SC seconding that the Bill not proceed as a Special Bill.

**Carried**

The President declared that the motion had achieved the required 75% majority in each House.

Bishop Michael Stead moving, Mr Garth Blake SC seconding  
That the Bill do now pass.

*Carried*

**17.10 Bill 10B – A Bill for the Canon Concerning  
Confessions (Vulnerable Persons) Canon 2017**

Bishop Michael Stead moving, Mr Garth Blake SC seconding

That the Bill for the Canon Concerning Confessions (Vulnerable  
Persons) Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

*Carried*

Bishop Michael Stead moving, Mr Garth Blake SC seconding that  
the Bill not proceed as a Special Bill.

*Carried*

The President declared that the motion had achieved the required  
75% majority in each House.

Bishop Michael Stead moving, Mr Garth Blake SC seconding  
That the Bill do now pass.

*Carried*

**17.9 Bill 09 – A Bill for the Holy Orders (Removal from  
Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017**

Ms Audrey Mills sought leave to bring the Bill an amended form.  
Leave was granted.

Ms Audrey Mills moving, The Hon Peter Young AO QC seconding

That the Bill for the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of  
Ministry) Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

Debate was adjourned at 10.30am for morning tea.

Synod resumed at 11.00am.

**12 ORDER OF THE DAY (Thursday 7 September 2017 11.00 am)**

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**21.2 Condemnation and Apology for Domestic Violence**

Bishop Stephen Hale sought leave that Motion 21.3 to be  
considered immediately after consideration of Motion 21.2. Leave  
was so granted.

Bishop Stephen Hale moving, The Ven Kara Hartley seconding

The General Synod affirms that:

1. All human beings, male and female, are created in the image  
of God, and are precious to him. So their value and dignity  
should be upheld by all, and rightly commands respect and  
protection.
2. In following the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, Christian  
relationships, families, and households are to be  
characterised by mutual love, respect, compassion and a

commitment to the wellbeing of one another. No one should feel unsafe in their own home.

3. The Bible condemns the misuse of power to control or exploit others, and rejects all abuse, whether physical, verbal, or otherwise expressed from one person towards others. Therefore domestic violence is sin, and Scripture should never be twisted to justify or excuse any abuse.
4. No victim of domestic abuse should ever be pressured to forgive, submit to, or restore a relationship with an offender.
5. Our churches are committed to being safe places for all people, especially children and vulnerable adults, and we will therefore work to protect those experiencing domestic abuse as a first priority.
6. We grieve with victims and survivors of domestic abuse, and pray for their healing and recovery. We give thanks for those women and men, clergy and lay people, who have faithfully supported, cared for and protected such victims in our churches and communities.
7. However, we also confess with deep shame that domestic abuse has occurred among those who attend our churches, and even among some in leadership. We apologise for those times our teaching and pastoral care has failed adequately to support victims and call perpetrators to account.
8. We urge Anglican dioceses around Australia to ensure they have policies and good practice guidelines in place, along with education and training, for responding well to situations involving domestic violence within our parishes and organisations.
9. We call on all institutions preparing people for ordained or lay ministry in the Anglican Church of Australia to review curriculum and content to ensure that material which may give rise to unhealthy views about power or the marginalisation of women, are addressed.
10. We also acknowledge our responsibility to work with the police, statutory child protection authorities and specialist agencies in responding to domestic abuse, including our legal obligations in reporting abuse. This should include consideration of growing the practical trauma programmes and advocacy undertaken by our Anglicare Australia agencies in this growing area of community need.
11. Finally, this Synod again upholds Faithfulness in Service as our national code of conduct for clergy and church workers, specifically its affirmations that:
  - Abuse of power is at the heart of many relationship problems in the Church and the community. In essence, abuse is one person's misuse of power over another.

Sometimes abuse will be a one off event and at other times it will be a pattern of behaviour. (§6.2)

- It is important for clergy and church workers to be good citizens and obey the laws of the community, except where those laws conflict with Christian convictions. (§6.4)
- You are not to abuse your spouse, children or other members of your family. (§6.6)

**Carried**

### **21.3 Domestic Violence Longitudinal Study**

The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen sought leave to bring the motion in an amended form. Leave was granted.

The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, Bishop Genieve Blackwell seconding

That this General Synod requests the General Synod Standing Committee to investigate and if appropriate commission (using contingencies or other available sources of funding) a professionally designed and independent, longitudinal research study into domestic violence prevalence within the Australian Anglican Church population. The General Synod Standing Committee could also explore the feasibility and practicality of inviting other denominations to consider participation in any such independent research.

#### **Amendment**

Mr Ian Carter moving, The Rev'd Tracey Lauersen seconding

That the word "Domestic" in title and body be replaced by "Family" in title and body.

**Carried**

The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey moving, The Rev'd Dr Don Saines seconding

That the word "Longitudinal" be removed from the title and body.

**Carried**

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The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, Bishop Genieve Blackwell seconding,

That this General Synod requests the General Synod Standing Committee to investigate and if appropriate commission (using contingencies or other available sources of funding) a professionally designed and independent research study into the nature and prevalence of family violence prevalence within the Australian Anglican Church population. The General Synod Standing Committee could also explore the feasibility and practicality of inviting other denominations to consider participation in any such independent research.

**Carried**

**13 FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR BILLS FOR CANONS BY REQUEST OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**17.9 Bill 09 – A Bill for the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017**

Ms Audrey Mills sought leave to bring the Bill an amended form. Leave was granted.

Ms Audrey Mills moving, The Hon Peter Young AO QC seconding

That the Bill for the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017 be approved in principle

***Carried***

Synod moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

The Chair of Committees reported the bill in amended form.

The President moved that the report be adopted.

***Carried***

Ms Audrey Mills moving, The Hon Peter Young AO QC seconding that the Bill not proceed as a Special Bill.

***Carried***

The President declared that the motion had achieved the required 75% majority in each House.

Further consideration of the Bill was deferred awaiting a certified copy.

**17.11 Bill 11 – A Bill for the Canon Concerning Services Amendment Canon 2017**

Bishop Garry Weatherill sought leave to bring the Bill in an amended form. Leave was granted.

Bishop Garry Weatherill moving, The Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly seconding

That the Bill for the Canon Concerning Services Amendment Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

Debate was adjourned for the lunch break at 12.30 pm.

Synod resumed at 1.30 pm.

**17.9 Bill 09 – A Bill for the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017**

The President reported that he had received a certified copy of Bill 09.

Ms Audrey Mills moving, The Hon Peter Young AO QC seconding That the Bill do now pass.

***Carried***



## **DECLARATION OF ELECTIONS**

The President announced the results of the elections.

### **ELECTION RESULTS WITHOUT NEED OF A BALLOT**

#### **The Standing Committee of Synod**

##### **3 Bishops to be elected by the House of Bishops**

Richard Condie  
John Stead  
Garry Weatherill

#### **The Board of Assessors (Appellate Tribunal)**

##### **7 Priests to be elected by the Synod as a whole**

Rhys Bezzant  
Martin Foord  
Andrew Ford  
Jonathan Kuan  
Mark Thompson  
Richard Trist  
Lionel Windsor

#### **Long Service Leave Board**

##### **1 Member of the House of Bishops to be elected by the House of Bishops**

Allan Ewing

#### **Defence Force Board**

##### **3 Lay Persons to be elected by the House of Clergy and the House of Laity voting together**

Mark Francis  
Alan Gallimore  
Allan Sauer

### **ELECTION RESULTS REQUIRING A BALLOT**

#### **The Standing Committee of Synod**

##### **9 Members of the House of Clergy to be elected by the House of Clergy**

###### **Nominees Elected**

75 Arthur Copeman  
71 Timothy Harris  
70 Mary Lewis  
70 Michael Stead  
69 David Bassett  
63 Greg Harris  
63 Tracy Lauersen  
63 Kanishka Raffel  
61 Andrew Ford

**Not Elected** [*Not a reserve list – s3 Rule II – Standing Committee*]

49 Dorothy Lee  
42 Gillian Moses  
42 John Roundhill  
42 Peter Sandeman  
40 Theodore McCall  
38 John Baldock  
34 Genieve Blackwell  
32 John Ward  
12 Elizabeth Dyke  
8 Scott Lowrey

**9 Members of the House of Laity to be elected by the House of Laity**

**Nominees Elected**

110 Debra Mullins  
93 Garth Blake  
64 Audrey Mills  
59 Robert Tong  
58 Karin Sowada  
56 Carolyn Tan  
55 Peter Young  
54 Leanne Beagley  
54 Fiona McLean

**Not Elected** [*Not a reserve list – s3 Rule II – Standing Committee*]

53 Allan Bulman  
53 Seak-King Huang  
53 Ron Perry  
53 Ruth Robinson  
47 Christopher Gourlay  
47 Sue West  
29 Allan Perryman  
11 Brian Norris

**Panels of Electors of the Primate**

**16 Members of the clergy to be elected by the House of Clergy**

**Elected to the Panel**

78 Arthur Copeman  
73 Matthew Brain  
72 Timothy Harris  
71 Tracey Lauersen  
70 Mary Lewis  
68 David Bassett  
68 Michael Stead  
67 Richard Trist  
66 Mark Calder  
65 Stephen Hale

64 Greg Harris  
64 Kanishka Raffel

**Elected as a Reserve [s8(1) Primate Canon 1985]**

60 Andrew Ford  
59 Nigel Fortescue  
57 Ross Nicholson  
54 Mark Thompson

**Not Elected**

52 Dorothy Lee  
48 Elizabeth Smith  
46 Chris Chataway  
45 Peter Stuart  
44 John Roundhill  
42 Gillian Moses  
41 John Baldock  
41 Theodore McCall  
36 Genieve Blackwell

**16 Members of the laity to be elected by the House of Laity**

**Elected to the Panel**

88 Garth Blake  
68 Debra Mullins  
63 Audrey Mills  
61 Karin Sowada  
60 Naomi Fountain  
60 Richard Refshauge  
60 Robert Tong  
58 Ian Gibson  
58 Allan Perryman  
58 Peter Young  
57 Fiona McLean  
57 Sue West

**Elected as a Reserve [s8(1) Primate Canon 1985]**

*Order of reserves drawn by lot following confirmation of the  
Panel [s5(4) Primate Canon 1985]*

56 Carolyn Tan  
56 Leeanne Zamagias  
55 Claire Smith  
55 Ian Dallas

**Not Elected**

54 Michael Calder  
54 Clive Ellis  
53 Ruth Robinson  
52 Kirsty Bucknell  
52 Ron Perry  
51 Robert Fordham  
51 Seak-King Huang  
51 James Oakley  
49 Muriel Porter  
49 Jane Tooher

47 Kimberly Smith

**Long Service Leave Board**

**1 Member of the House of Clergy to be elected by the House of Clergy**

**Nominee Elected**

58 Andrew Ford

**Not Elected**

46 Peter Stuart

6 Ian Morrison

**2 Members of the House of Laity to be elected by the House of Laity**

**Nominees Elected**

68 Doug Marr

55 Christopher Nelson

**Not Elected**

53 Seak-King Huang

50 Peter Jarvis

**Australian College of Theology Limited – Members**

***The persons to be elected must include at least 1 Bishop***

**24 Members to be elected by the House of Bishops**

**Nominees Elected**

17 Garth Blake

17 Archbishop Glenn Davies

17 Bishop Michael Stead

16 Bishop Timothy Harris

14 Stuart Piggin

13 Bruce Kaye

12 Dane Courtney

12 Sandy Jones

11 Vanessa Bennett

11 Bishop Rick Lewers

11 Claire Smith

10 Phillip Bradford

10 Marian Free

10 Mary Lewis

10 Anthea McCall

9 Peter Anstey

9 David Hohne

9 Jane Tooher

8 Louise Gosbell

8 Susan Hooke

8 Delle Matthews

8 Tara Stenhouse

8 Lindsay Wilson  
7 Jessica Carroll-Smith

**Not Elected**

6 Cathy Harris  
6 Ed Loane  
3 Kenneth Wade

**Defence Force Board**

*At least one member of the clergy at the time of election is rendering or has previously rendered service as a reserve chaplain in the Australian Defence Force.*

**3 Members of the clergy to be elected by the House of Clergy and the House of Laity voting together**

**Nominees Elected**

139 Timothy Booker  
122 Andrew Nixon  
119 Glenn Buijs

**Not Elected**

99 Katherine Wilmot  
52 Julia Van Den Bos  
38 Robert Newton

**14 ORDER OF THE DAY**

**22.8 Scottish Episcopal Church**

The Very Rev'd Kanishka Raffel sought leave to bring the motion in amended form. Leave was granted.

The Very Rev'd Kanishka Raffel moving, The Venerable David Bassett seconding

General Synod –

- a) notes with regret that the Scottish Episcopal Church has amended their Canon on Marriage to change the definition that marriage is between a man and a woman by adding a new section that allows clergy to solemnise marriage between same-sex couples as well as couples of the opposite sex;
- b) expresses the opinion that that this step is contrary to the doctrine of Christ and the doctrine of our Church, and therefore inconsistent with the Fundamental Declarations of our Church; and
- c) further expresses the opinion that, by virtue of Section 6 of the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia, the Scottish Episcopal Church has put itself out of communion with the Anglican Church of Australia; and
- d) prays that the Scottish Episcopal Church will return to the doctrine of Christ in this matter and be restored to

communion with the Anglican Church of Australia.

### **Amendment**

Bishop John Ford moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding

In clause (b):

delete the word “declares” and replace with “notes with regret”

delete the phrase “the doctrine of Christ and”

delete all words after “the doctrine of our Church” and replace with “and the teaching of Christ that, in marriage, “a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh” (Matt 19:6), and”

Delete clause (c) and replace with “expresses our support for those Anglicans who have left or will need to leave the Scottish Episcopal Church because of its redefinition of marriage; and”

In clause (d), delete the phrase “be restored to communion with the Anglican Church of Australia.” And replace with “that impaired relationships will be restored.”

***Carried***

Electronic voting results: Simple Majority

182 Yes

48 No

The President reported to the Synod that the Members of the Appellate Tribunal absented themselves from the debate and abstained from voting.

### **Amendment**

Mr Robert Fordham moving, The Rev'd John Baldock seconding

Delete all words after “General Synod” and replace with

General Synod, noting reports that the Scottish Episcopal Church has amended their Canon on Marriage to embrace relationships between same sex couples, requests the Primate to –

- 1) Facilitate discussions with that Church concerning the nature of and the circumstances that have led to their amended canon.
- 2) Report to General Synod Standing Committee on the outcome of those discussions and the implications for the Anglican Church of Australia for our relationship with the Scottish Episcopal Church.

***Lost***

Electronic voting results: Simple Majority

89 Yes

140 No

## **Amendment**

Mr Brett Watterson moving, The Very Rev'd Kanishka Raffel seconding

At the end of clause c) the words "and those who struggle and remain" be inserted.

***Carried***

The Rev'd Matthew Anstey requested that the Motion be put to a vote by houses. Nine clergy members rose to support the request.

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The Very Rev'd Kanishka Raffel moving, The Venerable David Bassett seconding

General Synod –

- a) notes with regret that the Scottish Episcopal Church has amended their Canon on Marriage to change the definition that marriage is between a man and a woman by adding a new section that allows clergy to solemnise marriage between same-sex couples as well as couples of the opposite sex;
- b) notes with regret that this step is contrary to the doctrine of our Church and the teaching of Christ that, in marriage, "a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh" (Matt 19:6), and
- c) expresses our support for those Anglicans who have left or will need to leave the Scottish Episcopal Church because of its redefinition of marriage and those who struggle and remain; and
- d) prays that the Scottish Episcopal Church will return to the doctrine of Christ in this matter and that impaired relationships will be restored.

***Carried***

Voting occurred by electronic means.

House of Laity: 60 Yes; 45 No.

House of Clergy: 68 Yes; 42 No.

House of Bishops: 12 Yes; 6 No.

The President invited the members of the Appellate Tribunal to return to the House.

## **15 FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR BILLS FOR CANONS BY REQUEST OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**17.11 Bill 11 – A Bill for the Canon Concerning Services Amendment Canon 2017**

Debate resumed on the Bill in principle.

Bishop Garry Weatherill moving, The Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly seconding

That the Bill for the Canon Concerning Services Amendment Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

***Carried***

Bishop Garry Weatherill moving, The Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly seconding

That the Bill not proceed as a Special Bill.

***Carried***

The President declared that the motion had achieved the required 75% majority in each House.

Bishop Garry Weatherill moving, The Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly seconding

That the Bill do now pass.

***Carried***

**17.12 Bill 12 – A Bill for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council Amendment Canon 2017**

Bishop Chris McLeod moving, the Rev'd Canon Bruce Boase seconding

That the Bill for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council Amendment Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

***Carried***

Bishop Chris McLeod moving, the Rev'd Canon Bruce Boase seconding

That the Bill do now pass.

***Carried***

**17.13 Bill 13 – A Bill for Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Amendment Canon 2017**

Ms Audrey Mills sought leave to bring the Bill in an amended form. Leave was granted.

Ms Audrey Mills moving, Justice Debra Mullins seconding

That the Bill for Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Amendment Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

***Carried***

Synod moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

The Chair of Committees reported the bill in amended form.

The President moved that the report be received.

***Carried***



Further consideration of the Bill was deferred awaiting a certified copy.

Synod adjourned at 3.29 pm for afternoon tea.

Synod resumed at 4.05 pm.

## 16 MINUTES

Dr Timothy Nicholson reported to the President that the Minutes Reading Committee had received a copy of the Minutes of Day Three, and certified them as correct.

Dr Timothy Nicholson moving, Bishop Sarah McNeil seconding that the report be received.

*Carried*

## 17 FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR BILLS FOR CANONS BY REQUEST OF STANDING COMMITTEE

### 17.13 Bill 13 – A Bill for Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Amendment Canon 2017

The President reported that he had received a certified copy of Bill 13.

Ms Audrey Mills moving, Justice Debra Mullins seconding that the Bill do now pass

*Carried*

### 17.14 Bill 14 – A Bill for the Missionary Dioceses (Amendment) Canon 2017

Bishop Sarah Macneil moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding

That the Bill for the Missionary Dioceses (Amendment) Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

*Carried*

Bishop Sarah Macneil moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding that the Bill do now pass.

*Carried*

### 18.3 Bill R03 - A Rule to Amend Rule II – Rules for the Appointment of a Standing Committee of General Synod and Defining its Powers and Duties

The Ven David Bassett sought leave to amend the seconder of the motion to Archbishop Geoffrey Smith. Leave was granted.

The Ven David Bassett moving, Archbishop Geoffrey Smith seconding

That the Bill for a Rule to Amend Rule II – Rules for the Appointment of a Standing Committee of General Synod and Defining its Powers and Duties be approved in principle.

*Carried*

The Ven David Bassett moving, Archbishop Geoffrey Smith seconding, that the Bill do now pass.

*Carried*

## 18 MOTIONS BY REQUEST OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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### 16.5 Liturgy Resources

Bishop Garry Weatherill sought leave to move the motion in amended form. Leave was granted.

Bishop Garry Weatherill moving, the Rev'd Elizabeth Smith seconding

The General Synod, noting the changing contexts of mission for the Anglican Church of Australia, requests the Liturgy Commission to continue to develop texts in areas including -

- a. Supplementary seasonal, thematic and other material for use with APBA Holy Communion orders;
- b. Supplementary services of the Word;
- c. Supplementary orders for baptism, confirmation, marriage, funerals, commissionings and other pastoral occasions;
- d. Supplementary prayers for various occasions;
- e. A new liturgical psalter;
- f. Additional prayers and liturgical resources drawing, upon consultation, more extensive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prayers, motifs and other media to reflect the indigenous culture of our nation's First Peoples.

*Carried*

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### 16.8 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Bishop Tim Harris sought leave to bring the motion in an amended form. Leave was granted.

Bishop Tim Harris moving, The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey seconding

Noting the five-hundredth anniversary in 2017 of Martin Luther's nailing 95 Theses of protest to the door of the castle church in Wittenburg on October 31, 1517, regarded by many as a significant catalyst in inaugurating protestant reformations in Europe, and recognising Lutherans as partners with Anglicans in ongoing reforming traditions that encompass a variety of denominations and expressions of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ;

and further noting the resolution of ACC 16:16 that:

"The Anglican Consultative Council

1. recognizes the significance of the five-hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, which will be marked in 2017; and

2. encourages Anglicans across the Communion to be a part of the commemorations by joining in shared services, undertaking study with Lutherans and other ecumenical partners, and engaging with them in mission activities; and
3. recommends that Anglicans engage with the Lutheran World Federation's focus: Liberated by God's Grace,";

The General Synod:

- a) gives thanks to our heavenly Father for the Reformation of the sixteenth century,
- b) gives thanks to Almighty God that in the grace and mercy of God, the Church continues to be reformed, and seeks ever to be so,
- c) encourages members of the Anglican Church of Australia to join with our ecumenical partners; and especially the Lutheran Church of Australia, in commemorating this occasion, through shared worship, bible study and partnership in mission and ministry projects;
- d) affirms the importance of hearing God's Word in the common tongue, and the practice of regular public reading of the Holy Scriptures through authorised lectionaries; and
- e) affirms the regular liturgical expression of the wholesome and comforting doctrine that we are justified by faith only, by the merits and death of God's Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood; and
- f) recommends for study and discussion the biblical and spiritual reflections contained in Liberated by God's Grace: Anglican-Lutheran Reflections (LWF 2017), produced by the Anglican-Lutheran International Coordinating Committee (ALICC4).

**Carried**

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### **16.10 The Global Goals for Sustainable Development**

Bishop Sarah Macneil moving, Bishop Chris Jones seconding

That, celebrating the success of the Millennium Development Goals and noting that the number of people living in extreme poverty has more than halved since 1990, the General Synod:

- a) welcomes the new Global Goals for Sustainable Development which aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and pursue the common good;
- b) encourages theological engagement with the goals, and missional commitment to their achievement;
- c) commends the work of Anglicare Australia, the Anglican Board of Mission, Anglican Overseas Aid, Anglican Aid and other Anglican organisations in striving to achieve the

Sustainable Development Goals;

- d) renews our call for a fair share of Australia's national budget (0.7% of Gross National Income) to be dedicated to Overseas Development Assistance that aims to reduce poverty; and
- e) encourages each diocese, through its synod, to consider 0.7% of gross diocesan income, or some other meaningful proportion, to projects supporting the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Carried**

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### **16.12 Models of Ordained Local Ministry**

Bishop Stephen Pickard moving, Ms Sue Williams seconding

The General Synod –

- a) receives the report of the Ministry Commission on Ordained Local Ministry (2 May 2017) and refer it to all Dioceses;
- b) encourages all Dioceses to consider the recommendations of the Ordained Local Ministry report as it relates to their local context, and
- c) requests the Ministry Commission to explore ways to facilitate further initiatives in Ordained Local Ministry.

**Carried**

### **16.13 Clergy Professional Supervision**

Bishop Stephen Pickard moving, The Rev'd Dr Richard Trist seconding

That in the light of the increasing challenges facing clergy and lay ministers, and the heightened demand for the accountability of church workers, the General Synod –

- a) recommends that every Australian diocese takes seriously the benefits of professional supervision for its clergy and paid lay workers;
- b) supports the development of pilot projects in supervision of clergy and lay ministers particularly in rural and regional areas; and
- c) requests the Ministry Commission to undertake an audit of the extent and types of supervision already occurring across the Australian church, and develop national supervision guidelines.

#### **Amendment**

Mr Colin Reilly moving, Ms Leonie Bird seconding

Adding the words

- d) requests the Ministry Commission to consider the inclusion of Clergy Professional Supervision as an integral component of a continuing professional development framework for

**Carried**

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Bishop Stephen Pickard moving, The Rev'd Dr Richard Trist seconding,

That in the light of the increasing challenges facing clergy and lay ministers, and the heightened demand for the accountability of church workers, the General Synod:

- a) recommends that every Australian diocese takes seriously the benefits of professional supervision for its clergy and paid lay workers;
- b) supports the development of pilot projects in supervision of clergy and lay ministers particularly in rural and regional areas; and
- c) requests the Ministry Commission to undertake an audit of the extent and types of supervision already occurring across the Australian church, and develop national supervision guidelines; and
- d) requests the Ministry Commission to consider the inclusion of Clergy Professional Supervision as an integral component of a continuing professional development framework for clergy.

***Carried***

Archdeacon Arthur Copeman sought leave of Synod to vary the Programme for Day Five to start with Morning Prayer at 9.00 am and subsequently moving the current Order of the Day at 9.30 am to 10.00 am. Leave was granted.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Synod adjourned at 5.30 pm.

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President

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Date