



Anglican Church of Australia

Standing Committee of General Synod

**STANDING COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SYNOD
21 – 23 NOVEMBER 2014**

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met at Rydges South Park in Adelaide at 1.30-pm on Friday 21 November 2014 and concluded at 10.45am on Sunday 23 November 2014.

1. STRATEGIC ISSUES

The report of the Committee appointed by the Standing Committee to identify strategic priorities for the Standing Committee for the period to the next session of the General Synod was considered.

Only a few dioceses had had the opportunity at this stage to consider the report of the Viability and Structures Task Force to the General Synod.

The Standing Committee established a Steering Group of Seven persons:

- (i) Two members to be appointed by Standing Committee;
- (ii) Five members to be appointed, one from each province by the Metropolitan of the Province;
- (iii) A Consultant may be appointed;
- (iv) To plan, consult and co-ordinate the dissemination of the Task Force Report and responses from the Provinces and Dioceses;
- (v) To develop strategies to address the issues raised in the report; and
- (vi) To consult on a regular basis with the Metropolitans.

The Standing Committee appointed The Rt Rev'd Andrew Curnow as Chair and Mr Michael Codling, the Chair of the Diocesan Financial Advisory Group, as its second appointment.

2. NEW TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED

The Diocesan Financial Advisory Group was established as a Task Force of General Synod under the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Canon 1998 with the attached Terms of Reference including:

- (i) Establishment, through the Australian Registrars' Network, of a program of ongoing training for Registrars and senior diocesan administration staff; and
- (ii) Seeking agreement from the dioceses on a comprehensive and holistic way in which General Synod can address the needs of Dioceses seeking help with financial difficulties, risk management, governance concerns professional standards and operational viability.

3. SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

Late September/early October 2017 was fixed as the period during which the Seventeenth Session of the General Synod is to be held. The General Secretary was requested to write to all dioceses inviting expressions of interest in hosting the Synod to be delivered by 31 March 2015 for consideration at the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

4. GENERAL SYNOD RESOLUTIONS AND CANONS – IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECT ON THE BUDGET

The General Secretary reported on estimated additional work imposed on the General Synod Office by Canons and Resolutions passed at the Sixteenth Session of the General Synod. The Standing Committee authorised a process of reallocating budget resources to facilitate the completion of the additional work within the budget.

5. ANGLICAN CHURCH SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

The Standing Committee consented to the registration of the trademark “Anglican Church Southern Queensland” by the Diocese of Brisbane.

6. ANZAC DAY CENTENARY LITURGY

The Standing Committee authorised the publication of liturgical resources to facilitate the celebration of the ANZAC centenary in 2015. Resources have been conveyed to the dioceses and have been posted on the Liturgical Resources page on the General Synod website.

7. UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Standing Committee endorsed the Executive Committee’s nomination of the Rev’d Gillian Moses to be the member of the Anglican delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW59) to be held in New York from 6-21 March 2015.

8. MODEL EPISCOPAL STANDARDS ORDINANCE AND PROTOCOL

The Standing Committee commended for adoption by the dioceses:

- a slightly edited version of the Model Episcopal Standards Ordinance considered by the Sixteenth Session of the General Synod;
- a Model Episcopal Standards Protocol; and
- Model Episcopal Standards Regulations.

submitted by the Episcopal Ministry Task Force.

9. ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Redress Scheme Conference

The Standing Committee endorsed the Royal Commission Working Group’s proposal to hold a conference on 13 February 2015 to develop a response to the Royal Commission’s foreshadowed paper on a scheme to provide redress to survivors of child sexual abuse.

Professional Standards Conference

The Standing Committee endorsed in principle the Royal Commission Working Group’s proposal for the conference on professional standards matters to be held on 1 and 2 August 2015.

10. NATIONAL REGISTER – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION FOR DIOCESAN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AUDITS

The Standing Committee revised section 22 of the Protocol for Access to and Disclosure of Information in the National Register made under the National Register Canon 2007 as set out in the marked up version below:

Any person within the General Synod Office whose duties include assisting the General Secretary in maintaining the National Register is authorised to have access to any Information in the National Register for the purposes of:

(a) providing assistance to another authorised person and carrying out any maintenance or enhancement of the National Register; and

(b) disclosing to a person duly authorised by the Bishop of a diocese to conduct an audit or other formal review of compliance by personnel of that diocese with duties under the National Register Canon 2007 and the protocols made thereunder subject to the person so authorised signing a confidentiality agreement in a form approved by the General Secretary.

The amendment has been circulated to the dioceses and an amended version of the protocol has been posted on the Professional Standards page of the General Synod website.

11. REPORTING HISTORICAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE POLICE

The Standing Committee recommended a revised version of *Reporting Historical Child Sexual Abuse to the Police*, presented by the Professional Standards Commission, as a resource for dioceses.

The resource has been circulated to the dioceses and to the Bishop to the Australian Defence Force and has been published on the Professional Standards page on the General Synod website.

12. CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA – FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JAKARTA 20-27 MAY 2015

The Standing Committee endorsed the Executive Committee's appointment of Archbishop Driver and Ms Christy Capper as delegates of the Anglican Church of Australia to the Fourteenth General Synod Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia.

13. ANGLICAN – ORIENTAL ORTHODOX AGREED STATEMENT ON CHRISTOLOGY

The Anglican – Oriental Orthodox International Commission Agreed Statement on Christology revised at Cairo, Egypt on October 13-17 2014 was referred to the Doctrine Commission for consideration and report.

13. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The attachment 2 to this document sets out the Standing Committee's recommendations to the Primate for appointment to various bodies and the Standing Committee's appointments.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Diocesan Financial Advisory Group Terms of Reference
2. Elections and Appointments by Standing Committee November 2014

ATTACHMENT 1

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL ADVISORY TASK FORCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The purpose of the Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force is to advise the Standing Committee of the General Synod on financial matters relating to, within and across the Dioceses of the Church, and to assist in identifying and addressing any potential or actual financial difficulties which may arise from time to time.

The Task Force will have the following specific terms of reference:

- i. to advise the Dioceses and Standing Committee on relevant developments in corporate standards on financial matters including governance, financial reporting and financial risk management;
- ii. to monitor the financial health of the Dioceses, including through the regular review of financial statements of Dioceses and their significant related entities;
- iii. to determine and recommend what additional information should be provided by Dioceses to enable the Task Force to fulfil its role, including the comparison of performance indicators to provide for an element of early warning of potential financial difficulties within Dioceses;
- iv. to provide assistance at the request of Dioceses on financial matters and make recommendations where appropriate, including in relation to the containment or remediation of potential financial difficulties;
- v. to recommend persons who could assist Dioceses in the management of financial matters in situations where the Task Force is unable to assist;
- vi. to do such other things as the Standing Committee might request from time to time, which could include assisting in the formation of an Independent Oversight committee where a Diocese is experiencing serious financial stress;
- vii. to support the Dioceses in dealing with regulators such as the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission;
- viii. to be represented at, and report to, the Standing Committee meetings at least half yearly on financial trends in the Dioceses and any other relevant matters within its terms of reference; and
- ix. to identify from time to time, in cooperation with the General Secretary, persons who could join and/or assist the Task Force in its work.

ATTACHMENT 2

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS BY STANDING COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 2014

GROUP 1

GENERAL SYNOD BODIES APPOINTED BY THE PRIMATE ON RECOMMENDATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE

1.1 ANGLICAN COMMUNION

1.1.1 Anglican Consultative Council

Episcopal Member:

- Rt Rev'd Dr Sarah Macneil

Clergy Member:

- The Ven. Arthur Copeman (for three meetings)

Lay Member:

- Noted: Mr Garth Blake SC appointed November 2010, to retire after ACC 17 or 2016, whichever is later.

1.1.2 Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order (IASCUFO)

Nominated by the Primate at the request of Secretary General of Anglican Communion. All members were appointed in February 2009 (SC2009/1/059) with no date fixed for retirement.

- The Rev'd Dr Sarah Batchelard
- The Rt Rev'd Dr Stephen Pickard
- The Rev'd Dr Michael Stead

1.2 EXPERT REFERENCE COMMISSIONS

Expert Reference Commissions and their Chairs are appointed by the Primate on the recommendation of the Standing Committee under the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Canon 1998. The Standing Committee determines the number of members of an Expert Reference Commission.

1.2.1 Church Law Commission

- Justice Debra Mullins - Chair
- Justice Clyde Croft SC
- Mr Ian Dallas
- Ms Rachel Ellyard
- Dr Ian Gibson
- Mr Eric Ross-Adjie
- Dr Robert Tong AM
- Steve Lucas (Corporate Counsel Sydney Diocesan Secretariat)
- Michael Meek SC (Chancellor, Sydney)
- Ms Emma Riggs (Adelaide)

1.2.2 Doctrine Commission

- The Most Rev'd Dr Jeffrey Driver – Chair
- The Rev'd Dr Michael Stead – Secretary
- The Rev'd Dr Matthew Anstey
- The Rev'd Dr Andrew Cameron
- The Rev'd Dr Dorothy Lee
- The Rev'd Dr Gregory Seach
- Dr Claire Smith
- The Rev'd Dr Mark Thompson

1.2.3 Ecumenical Relations Commission

- The Most Rev'd Roger Herft AM - Chair
- The Rev'd Jane Lee Baker (NCCA Faith & Unity Commission)
- The Rev'd Canon Richard Tutin
- The Rt Rev'd Timothy Harris (Anglican-Lutheran Dialogue)
- The Rev'd Erica Mathieson (NCCA Executive)
- The Rt Rev'd John Parkes (Anglican-UCA Dialogue)
- Ms Alison Preston
- The Rt Rev'd Douglas Stevens (AUSTARC)
- The Rev'd Dr Cathy Thomson

It was **noted** that the Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall may act as alternate to the chairman on National Council of Churches in Australia positions if required.

1.2.4 Liturgy Commission

- The Rt Rev'd Garry Weatherill - Chair
- The Rev'd Dr Rhys Bezzant
- The Very Rev'd Christopher Chataway
- The Rev'd Dane Courtney
- The Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly
- The Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith - Secretary
- The Rev'd Dr Richard Treloar

1.2.5 Ministry Commission

- The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Pickard – Chair
- Mr Paul Cavanough
- The Rev'd Mark Charleston
- The Rt Rev'd Alison Taylor
- Ms Jane Tooher
- The Rev'd Richard Trist
- Ms Sue Williams
- Mr Michael Ford
- Rev'd Dr Max Wood
- The Rev'd Zoe Everingham

1.2.6 Professional Standards Commission

- Mr Garth Blake SC - Chair
- Ms Helen Carrig
- Ms Audrey Mills
- Ms Nicola Lock
- Ms Marilyn Redlich
- Ms Dianne Shay
- The Rev'd Canon Tim Spencer
- The Rev'd Dr Greg Anderson
- Mr Michael Shand QC

1.2.7 Public Affairs Commission

- The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO - Chair
- The Rev'd Dr Andrew Cameron
- The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt
- Ms Kasy Chambers
- Mr Bradley Chapman
- Dr Beth Heyde
- The Rt Rev'd Dr Peter Stuart
- Dr Carolyn Tan
- The Rt Rev'd Tom Wilmot

1.3 TASKFORCES

Taskforces and their Chairs are appointed by the Primate on recommendation of the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee determines the number of members of a Task Force.

1.3.1 Task Force on Mission (Fresh Expressions Australia)

It was **RESOLVED** that the Primate be advised that the following persons:

- The Rt Rev'd Trevor Edwards - Chair
- The Rev'd Wayne Brighton - Secretary
- The Rev'd Lynne Bullard
- The Rt Rev'd Ivan Lee
- The Rt Rev'd Alison Taylor
- The Rev'd Michael Upton
- The Rev'd Julie Woolner

be appointed as members of the Task Force on Mission for a term of 6 months pending further consideration of the Task Force's work.

1.4 NATIONAL HOME MISSION FUND COMMITTEE, THE

(Also known as: The Anglican Outback Fund)

Primate to appoint:

(a) The Chairman

(b) Four members

after consultation with the Standing Committee.

Other members are the diocesan bishops of the dioceses which are from time to time for the time being receiving financial assistance from the Fund.

Appointed by Primate

- The Rt Rev'd John Parkes - Chair
- Mr Peter Harcourt - Secretary/Treasurer
- Mr Richard Hoy
- The Ven. Jim Nolan
- Mrs Dorothy Thorpe

Other members:

- The Rt Rev'd Gary Nelson (Bishop of NW Aust)
- The Rt Rev'd Bill Ray (Bishop of Nth Qld)
- The Rt Rev'd John Ford (Bishop of The Murray)
- Bishop of The Northern Territory or nominee
- Bishop of Riverina or nominee

GROUP 2

GENERAL SYNOD BODIES APPOINTED BY STANDING COMMITTEE

2.1 ANGLICAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE

- The Rev'd Prof Dr Mark Lindsay

2.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Mr Ian Hammond – Chair
- Mr Michael Blaxland
- Dr Robert Tong AM
- Mr Doug Marr

2.3 AUSTRALIAN HYMN BOOK PTY LIMITED

- Mr Richard Hoy - Director
- Mr Philip Nichols - Director

2.4 BROUGHTON PUBLISHING COMMITTEE / BROUGHTON PUBLISHING PTY LIMITED

- Chairman - vacant
- Mr Peter Angelovski
- The Rev'd Susan Bridge
- Mrs Eleanor Curtain
- The Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly

2.5 DIOCESAN FINANCIAL ADVISORY TASK FORCE (DFATF)

- Mr Michael Codling - Chair
- Mr Michael Blaxland
- Mr Brian Dixon
- Mr Geoffrey Ferguson
- Mr Martyn Mitchell
- Mr Grant Reubenicht
- Mr Kimberly Smith
- Mr James Winter
- Geoffrey Girvan

2.6 ECUMENICAL DIALOGUES

2.6.1 Anglican/Lutheran Dialogue

- The Rt Rev'd Timothy Harris - Co-Chair
- The Rev'd Jane Lee Baker
- The Rev'd Martin Bleby
- The Ven. Michael Hillier

2.6.2 Anglican/Oriental Orthodox Dialogue

It was **RESOLVED** to request the chair of the Ecumenical Relations Commission to recommend nominations for appointment to the Anglican/Oriental Orthodox Dialogue.

(SC2014/2/44, paragraph 12)

2.6.3 Anglican/Uniting Dialogue

- The Rt Rev'd John Parkes AM - Co-Chair
- Ms Helen Baddeley
- The Rt Rev'd Peter Danaher
- The Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly

2.6.4 AUSTARC

- The Rt Rev'd Doug Stevens
- The Ven Philip Newman
- Ms Colleen Arnold-Moore
- The Rev'd Scott Lowrey
- The Rev'd Dr Craig D'Alton
- The Rev'd Prof Dorothy Lee

2.7 EPISCOPAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

- The Rt Rev'd John Noble - reappointed for a term ending on 30 March 2016.
- Ms Nicola Lock - reappointed for a term ending at the first meeting of the Standing Committee after the Seventeenth Session of the General Synod.
- Ms Jennifer Lum (Director) - reappointed as the Director of the Episcopal Standards Commission for a term ending at the first meeting of the Standing Committee after the Seventeenth Session of the General Synod.

[**Noted** that the Hon. Dennis Cowdroy OAM, QC will reach the mandatory retirement age on 31 March 2016. Mr Indran Sinnadurai's term will end at the first meeting of the Standing Committee after the Seventeenth Session of the General Synod.]

2.8 INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

- Mr Colin Richardson - Chair
- Mr Graham Baikie
- Mr Jim Fremantle AO
- Mr Andrew Stanley
- The Treasurer (ex officio)

2.9 LEGAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

- The Rt Rev'd Robert Forsyth
- Ms Leigh Haywood

2.11 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA

2.11.1 NCCA Executive

- Mr Martin Drevikovsky (General Secretary) (alternate to Primate)

2.11.2 NCCA Trustee Limited - Director

- Mr Martin Drevikovsky

2.12 REFUGEE AND MIGRANT WORKING GROUP

- Bishop Philip Huggins - Convenor
- Judy Clay
- Libby Hogarth
- Jo Knight
- Jessie Taylor
- The Rev'd Dr Peter Catt

2.13 REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

- The Primate (ex officio)
- The Treasurer (ex officio)
- Ms Felicity Hughes

2.14 ROYAL COMMISSION WORKING GROUP

- The Primate (ex officio)
- The General Secretary (ex officio)
- Mr Garth Blake SC (Lawyer, NSW, Convenor)
- Ms Kasy Chambers (Anglicare Australia)
- Ms Sue Harrington (Lawyer, SA)
- Ms Helen Miller (Counsellor, NSW)
- Mr Ken Spackman (Registrar, VIC)
- The Rev'd Dr Andrew Ford (Anglicare Sydney)

2.15 STEERING GROUP OF 7 (VIABILITY AND STRUCTURES REPORT)

Two members appointed by the Standing Committee:

- The Rt Rev'd Andrew Curnow Chair (Victoria)
- Mr Michael Codling (DFATF)

Five members to be appointed, one from each Province, by the Metropolitan of each Province.

A consultant may be appointed.

2.16 THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA TRUST CORPORATION – CORPORATE TRUSTEES

- Mr Michael Blaxland
- Mr Robert Fordham
- The Rt Rev'd Robert Forsyth
- Mr Douglas Marr
- Dr Karin Sowada