



News From Diocesan Council

September 2021

Thanks and Farewell

The Bishop thanked Fr Paul Devenport profusely on behalf of the Council and the wider Diocese for his ministry amongst us both in the parishes of the Southern Vales (now Western Fleurieu) and the Riverland for the last 11+ years. Fr Paul's service on Diocesan Council, Provincial Council, as the ABM Representative and The Murray Anglican Editor was also recognised. The Chancellor suggested that a formal resolution acknowledging Fr Paul's service to the Diocese should be forthcoming at the next Synod.

Bishop's Appointments

To Diocesan Council: Murray McFarlane

The Murray Anglican Editor: Mark Taylor

Diocesan Council Appointments

Diocesan Council: Fr Paul Monash, Alison Dutton
(Full DC membership can be found at:

www.murray.anglican.org/parishes/diocesan-council)

Finance, Audit & Investment Committee: Jeff McHugh, Fr Cliff Greaves, Margaret Cale, David Fleming, Annie Atkinson, and Dean Grosse will join Ex Officio membership

Bishop Election Committee: Dean Grosse

Provincial Council: Fr David Price, Fr Andrew Forder, Dean Grosse, Dr Ken Pidgeon

General Synod Representative: Murray McFarlane

Diocesan Nominators: Fr Wayne Corker, Dr Ken Pidgeon

Diocesan Curator of Cemeteries: Keith Broderick

Publications Officer: Murray McFarlane

Legislation Review Committee: Fr David Price, Dr Robert Tong, Murray McFarlane, Brian McMillan

Risk Management Committee

Council appointed Dr Ted Sandercock, Alison Dutton, Chris Martin and Deidre Badgery to the Risk Management Committee. Dr Sandercock provided an update to Council on a range of items currently being worked on by the committee, including that the Committee name will be formulated in consultation with Jenetta Russell in consultation with Ordinance consideration and their wide portfolio.

Registry Staffing

Jeff McHugh updated the Council on progress associated with the newly created position of Assistant Registrar. The role has now been advertised.

Episcopal Standards Ordinance and Committee

The Registrar reported that with the support of both the Diocese of Willochra and The Murray, the Adelaide Diocesan Council will have carriage of the work necessary to bring this to the point where they can seek formal approval and appointments by the relevant Dioceses and they will continue to liaise, consult and seek agreement to develop this further.

Property Report

The decision to sell one of the properties within the Western Fleurieu has been rescinded, but the land acquisition for a major road expansion in another area is in hand. The offer on a Strathalbyn property remains although the pastoral district has not yet decided to sell. Agreement has been reached to sell a property in the South East. The rental property in the Southern Suburbs has been sold and is awaiting settlement. The insurance claim on the church building that was severely storm damaged is still in progress. The congregation has been meeting in the Rectory.

2022 Rates

Council recommended that the minimum stipend for a Parish Priest in full time service be set at \$57,390 pa, effective from 1 January 2022. This represents a 2% increase. The Clergy Travel Rates will be considered at the next meeting. The Notional Housing Allowance, Occasional Fees, and the MTF and HMF Voluntary Mission Targets will all remain unchanged for 2022. Parishes/Pastoral Districts will be formally advised of these rates separately.

Distribution Rate

Council moved that the interest distribution rate for the six month period 1 April to 30 September 2021, to be paid on parish/diocesan investments be 1.0%.

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Statistical Return requirements

Previously discussion ensued noting that the basic data gathering should be extended to better gauge the health of Parishes and Pastoral Districts. The Bishop tasked the Councillors to ponder additional items that could be measured in order to assist the Diocese actively engage with its people.

Draft Professional Supervision of stipendiary clergy and authorised stipendiary lay minister

The Bishop introduced a very draft version of a document shared by the Diocese of Adelaide which has been taken from policy sourced from the Diocese of Melbourne. Council was reminded that from 1 January 2023 all clergy must have a pastoral supervisor who is approved by the Bishop of the Diocese and the draft document circulated sets out the minimum requirements and standards. It's hoped that policy consistency across the Province will prevail. The Bishop and Registrar will continue to liaise with the Diocese of Adelaide in order to bring back a policy for consideration in readiness for progressing to the 2022 Synod.

Integrated Accounting System

It was noted that the IAS Workshop, yet to be reconstituted, must occur with priority with a clear picture of its operations, procedures, and awareness of responsibilities of all participants be presented so that all participants are appropriately trained.

Verto Group

The Bishop provided a brief update to the Council on the Verto Group integrated communication platform proposal and advised that there is now a hold on the 2.0 version until mid-2022.

Special Calls of Synod

Friday 3rd December 2021

Saturday 4th December 2021

Murray Bridge

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