

THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MURRAY  
of the Anglican Church of Australia Incorporated

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH TRIENNIAL SYNOD**

**HELD AT BRIDGES EVENT CENTRE, GIFFORD HILL  
ON FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**COMMENCEMENT**

The Synod assembled at the Bridges Event Centre (Macquarie and Legends Rooms), Gifford Hill at 1:00pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

The Right Reverend Keith Dalby welcomed Synod members to the Bridges Event Centre. Housekeeping matters were addressed by the Very Reverend David Price.

The President presided with 16 clerical and 43 lay members of Synod in attendance.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The following appointments were announced. The Reverend Scott Mudd as the Clerical Assistant Secretary and Ms Ann Hay as the Lay Assistant Secretary, the Reverend David Patterson as Synod Timekeeper, Mr Mark Taylor as Synod Reporter. Mrs Donna Jones and Mrs Jasmine Irvine were appointed as Scrutineers.

The Registrar noted that the roll had been marked on arrival. All attending had been asked to use the mySA GOV app to check-in through the dual COVID-Safe QR codes of the venue and the Synod.

The following members were excused from attendance at this Session of Synod:

The Reverend Lyndon Sulzberger	Lower Limestone Coast
The Reverend Paul Monash	South Coast
The Reverend Brenton Dick	Western Fleurieu
The Reverend Jonathan Jackson	Southern Suburbs
The Reverend Thomas Karamakuzhiyil	Mount Barker and Strathalbyn
Mrs Sharilyn Lively	Kingston-Robe
Mrs Pauline Johnston	Kingston-Robe
Mrs Stephanie Hunt	Kingston-Robe
Mr David Glover	Lower Limestone Coast
Mr Graeme Skene	Lower Limestone Coast
Mrs Elizabeth Hodges	Lower Limestone Coast
Mr John Luckhurst Smith	Lower Limestone Coast
Mr Dean Burrow	Lower Limestone Coast
Ms Joan Dare	Western Fleurieu
Mrs Lynn King	Western Fleurieu
Mrs Bronwyn Telfer	Southern Suburbs
Mr Dean Grosse	Riverland

A mandate had been issued to the following substitutionary lay members of Synod:

Mrs Stephanie Hunt	Kingston-Robe
Mrs Lynn Fisher	Lower Limestone Coast
Mr John Luckhurst Smith	Lower Limestone Coast
Mr Dean Burrow	Lower Limestone Coast
Mrs Anne Chittleborough	Western Fleurieu
Mrs Glenda Cockley	Southern Suburbs

### **DOCUMENT TABLED**

The Register of Members.

### **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

The President of Synod delivered his Charge to Synod during the Synod Eucharist.

### **PROCEEDINGS**

The President proceeded with business in accordance with the Notice Paper.

The President closed the Session of Synod with prayer at 6:00pm.

### **OBSERVER**

The President welcomed the observer from the Diocese of Adelaide and those in the Gallery.

## **RESOLUTIONS OF SYNOD**

### **SESSIONAL ORDERS**

Mover: Mrs DM Jones

Seconder: Mr MH McFarlane

That during this Session, the Synod sits from:

1:00pm to 3:30pm

4:00pm to 6:00pm

**PASSED**

### **OBSERVER TO THE SYNOD**

Mover: Mrs DM Jones

Seconder: The Very Reverend DA Price

That this Synod warmly welcomes the observer from the Diocese of Adelaide Ms Ann Nadge and grants her a seat on the floor of Synod with the right to speak, but not to propose or second motions or vote.

**PASSED**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE 1**

Mover: Mrs JMD Malpas

Seconder: Mr PS Dolan

That the Synod consider passing the Parochial Administration Ordinance in principle, but suspend any implementation of the same, excluding necessary compliance, to allow synod members more time to consider the specific changes to the Ordinance.

**DEFEATED**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE 2**

Mover: The Reverend PM Bourne

Seconder: Mr PJ Evans

That in the light of the growing incidence of COVID infections, in this state and the number of areas of concern identified by S.A. Health, with in this diocese, that this synod decides to suspend these two special calls of Synod until a time when the risks associated with this virus have been mitigated.

**DEFEATED**

Business then proceeded in accordance to the Notice Paper.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION 1**

Mover: Dr R Tong

Seconder: The Very Reverend DA Price

That this Special Session of Synod notes that at the May 2021 session of Synod, each Ordinance dealing with alterations to the Constitution passed all stages except that the Synod voted as a whole on the motion 'that the measure be now passed' rather than by Houses. In respect to each Constitutional amendment Ordinance Synod agrees to consider the motion 'that the measure be now passed' and that Synod vote by Houses on the motion.

**PASSED**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION 2**

Mover: Dr R Tong

Seconder: The Very Reverend DA Price

That this Special Session of Synod move immediately after the vote on the Constitutional Matters to the Introduction and Consideration of the Clergy Service Ordinance, and if that matter is dealt with within the time frame of this Special Session of Synod, then this Special Session of Synod moves on to the Introduction and Consideration of the Parochial Administration Ordinance.

**PASSED**

### **PROCEDURAL MOTION 3**

Mover: Dr R Tong

Seconded: The Very Reverend DA Price

That this Special Session of Synod resolves that:

1. During the consideration of the Clergy Service Ordinance and Parochial Administration Ordinance matters questioners will be only allowed to rise to bring their questions once.
2. They may bring up to four questions without seeking the leave of Synod to bring more.
3. Questions must be in writing and a copy given to the President.
4. Questions must not include an inference, accusation or allegation which will render the question out of order and not liable to be responded to.

**PASSED**

### **CONSTITUTION CHANGES**

Mover: Dr R Tong

Seconded: The Very Reverend DA Price

1. That a measure for an Ordinance to amend the Constitution to allow for the adoption by Synod of new Standing Orders for the conduct of synod business be now passed.

Vote by Houses by secret ballot:

House of Laity: Yes – 36, No – 6

House of Clergy Yes – 13, No – 3

House of Bishop Yes – 1, No – 0

**PASSED**

Mover: Dr R Tong

Seconded: The Very Reverend DA Price

2. That a measure for an Ordinance to amend the Section 26 (b) of the Constitution as amended in committee be now passed.

Amended to change the wording within the Ordinance to “...subsequent session of synod” from “...subsequent Synod”

Vote by Houses by secret ballot:

House of Laity: Y – 40, N – 2

House of Clergy: Y – 15, N – 1

House of Bishop: Y – 1, N – 0

**PASSED as amended**

Mover: Mr MH McFarlane  
Seconder: The Very Reverend DA Price

3. That a measure for an Ordinance to amend various Sections and Schedules of the Constitution be now passed.

Vote by Houses by secret ballot:  
House of Laity: Y – 34, N – 6  
House of Clergy: Y – 15, N – 1  
House of Bishop: Y – 1, N – 0

**PASSED**

## **ORDINANCES**

### **CLERGY SERVICE ORDINANCE 2021**

Mover: Mr MH McFarlane  
Seconder: Mr CN Martin

That a measure for an Ordinance to provide for the appointment of the Priest in Charge and the conditions for Clergy serving in the Diocese be approved in principle.

Clarifying questions were asked and answered before Synod moved into Committee, Chaired by Dr Robert Tong.

Section 16.1 amended to read “All stipended clergy must”  
Mover: The Reverend DAR Irvine

**PASSED** as amended

That the Clergy Service Ordinance 2021 pass as an ordinance of Synod.

**PASSED**

### **PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE 2021**

Mover: Mr MH McFarlane  
Seconder: The Very Reverend DA Price

Mr McFarlane spoke to the Motion with introductory and explanatory remarks and was twice granted the leave of Synod for time extensions.

That a measure for an Ordinance to provide for the definition, recognition and administration of Parishes Provisional Parishes and Parochial Districts in the Diocese be approved in principle.

Clarifying questions were asked and answered before Synod moved into Committee, Chaired by Dr Robert Tong.

Amendments were proposed as follows;

Section 7.3(c) Add two points

iii. Should this situation occur, responsibility for sacramental worship and pastoral care of the remaining Anglicans be given would fall to the bishop.

iv. The bishop should assume responsibility for pastoral care for the priest.

Mover: The Reverend PM Bourne **Passed**

Section 11.2(a) Insert the words to read “and sacramental ministry in the Parish.”

Mover: The Reverend PM Bourne **Passed**

Section 11.2(b) Delete in full.

Mover: Mrs JC Hervé **Passed**

Section 12 Insert the words beyond “Governance” to read “and sacramental ministry and pastoral care of the area.

Mover: The Reverend PM Bourne **Passed**

Section 19.2(h) Delete the word “subsections” and replace with “items”

19.2(l) Delete the words “that time permits.”

Mover: Mr BE McMillan **Passed**

Section 26.2 Delete the word “shall” and replace with “may”

Mover: Mrs JC Hervé **Passed**

Section 32 Delete “then the question does not pass” and replace with “the Chair shall have a casting vote.”

Mover: Mr BE McMillan **Passed**

Section 34.1 After the words Priest in Charge delete “shall preside as Chair” and replace with “may preside as Chair or nominate a substitute.” In the next sentence replace the word “his” with “their”.

34.2 Beyond the comma insert “in the absence of the Priest in Charge”

Mover: Dr ER Sandercock **Passed**

Section 38.3 To help alleviate confusion, change the term “Parish Churchwardens” to “Parish Councillors”

Mover: Mr MH Bleby

The Reverend Prof. P Sandeman proposed this be considered overnight and decided on at the next session of Synod due to its flow on effects. **Passed**

Section 42.1(f) Insert the words “and liturgical and canonical responsibilities” to the end of the clause.

Mover: The Reverend PM Bourne **Passed**

Section 42.1(h) Insert the word “disburse” before “moneys on behalf of the Parish.”

Mover: Mr BE McMillan **Passed**

Section 42.3(d) Delete in full.

Mover: Mrs MA Chittleborough **Passed**

Section 46 Delete the words “voluntarily associated with the Parish”

Mover: Mrs JC Hervé

Discussion ensued regarding the need to record volunteers within Parishes in some way, but objections to having them listed formally on the Parish Roll. Suggested that this point be considered overnight.

**Agreed to defer to the next session**

Dr Tong asked the Committee to confirm the amendments as proposed to this point.

**PASSED** as amended

The President closed the Session of Synod with prayer at 6:00pm.