



News from Diocesan Council

July 2018

Diocesan Council Membership

The Bishop formally welcomed all in attendance before inviting everyone to share with the Council introductory comments on who they are, where they come from and one interesting point about themselves. The Bishop then announced his four appointments to the Council. Council committed to continuing to act “as if” as acclaimed at an earlier special call of Synod noting that only properly constituted members can vote. A full list of members can be found on the Diocesan website.

The Diocesan Plan

Reference was made to the Bishop’s paper shared with the Council three years ago encouraging the Council to be creative, open minded and open hearted about the leading of the Holy Spirit’s guidance for the future of the Diocese. This commenced the acting “as if” scenario and this is now well underway and a number of areas have embraced this, to build on the positives and have an attitude of gratitude.

First Session of the Seventeenth Triennial Synod

The Report of the First Session of the Seventeenth Triennial Synod, held at Woodcroft College on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th May, 2018, was confirmed. This can be found, along with the Presidential Address, on the Diocesan website.

Connecting People to Jesus and His Church

The Council were asked to share responses about the major item of business during Synod, facilitated by the Reverend John Warner. Comments were; engaging, concise, brilliant, excellent, helpful, well presented, well organised, and further engagement in the Diocese would be valued. It was noted that John would be addressing the clergy during their July Chapter, and Council agreed that engagement at the local in every partnership was critical.

Property Report

Parishes and Pastoral Districts have been carefully and prayerfully considering their property needs for the future. As a result, several have requested that Council consider the sale of; St Nicholas (Beachport), St Ninian (Clarendon), All Hallows (Karoonda), St John (Mundulla), “The Bakehouse” and St Etheldreda (Mypolonga), St Philip & St James (Old Noarlunga). The Western Fleurieu have purchased a Rectory at Seaford Meadows in line with their plan for the future.

Risk Management Committee

Council agreed this Committee will be comprised of Don Grimmett (Chair), the Registrar, John Badgery and Dr Ted Sandercock.

Legislation Review Committee

It was noted that Diocesan Council recently reconstituted this Committee. It was agreed that the composition of this Committee remain – the Bishop, Chancellor, Registrar, Fr David Price, Murray McFarlane and Deacons Jesse Poole and Carol Cornwall, with the option to call upon others for advice as needed.

Other Committee Vacancies Filled

- Panel of Assessors: Lay – Vicki Plummer, David Fleming, Joan Small, Ruth Daws & Richard Stokes
- Chair of Committees: Chancellor, Dr Robert Tong
- Deputy Chair of Committees: Vicar General
- Provincial Council: One lay vacancy - to be filled

Finance, Audit and Investment Committee

It was noted that the current composition of the FAI Committee is willing to continue; The Bishop, Vicar General, Registrar, Jeff McHugh (Chair), Fr David Price, David Fleming, Murray McFarlane, Bruce Stanley and Des Warner.

Bishop’s Appointments

- Director of Formation:
The Venerable Dr Peter Carlsson
- The Murray Anglican Editor:
The Reverend Paul Devenport

Other Appointments Made by Council

- Diocesan Curator of Cemeteries – Keith Broderick
- Privacy Officer – John Strachan, Synod Solicitor
- Publications Officer – Murray McFarlane
- Media Officer – Daryl Warren

Synod Observers

The report of the Willochra Synod was submitted by observers Fr Daniel and Jasmine Irvine and was received with thanks. The Reverend Simon Waters and Dr Ted Sandercock volunteered to attend the Diocese of Adelaide Synod in October.

Home Mission Fund Grant

Council approved a grant of \$2,000 to the Pastoral District of the Southern Suburbs to undertake promotion and publicity for a proposed Anglican Community event.

Safe Church Environment

The 2018 Safe Ministry Training schedule has been publicised in the Diocese. Details can be found on the Diocesan website.

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