



News from Diocesan Council

October and December 2016

Special Call of Synod - 5th November

The Special Call of Synod was held at Woodcroft College on the 5th November. The minutes have been circulated to all Parishes and Pastoral Districts.

Motions of Thanks from Synod

A motion was passed by members of Synod to express profound thanks to the following clergy for their pastoral care and contribution to the life of the Diocese of The Murray; The Very Reverend Dirk van Dissel upon his retirement after 33 years with the Diocese, and the Venerable Richard Litjens on his move to the Parish of Bacchus Marsh in Victoria

Plans for the Future of the Diocese - Progress II

The Progress II meetings were positive and productive, although it has been noted there are some communication and geographical matters to contend with. No additional ideas or variations have been shared as an alternative so it has been suggested by the Council that we move forward by acting "as if" the proposed eight districts were in place. Ultimately there needs to be constitutional change considered to reflect the necessary change, but there is no rush at this stage.

Seaford Ecumenical Mission

It was reported to Diocesan Council that the three denominations who have a financial interest in the Seaford Ecumenical Mission (SEM), through Ecumenical Endeavours which is the trustee body in whom the property is vested, must sell the property as one of the partners wants to withdraw. It is conditional to offer it for sale to the other partners, and as they are unable to buy it they too wish to withdraw. The Diocese of The Murray was never invested financially towards ownership of the building. The Bishop informed the Council that he has met with the Anglican community in the area. Council considered our appointment to the Board in light of the retirement of Fr Dirk van Dissel, and it was agreed that the Reverend Peter Sandeman be appointed as our representative.

Distribution Rate

The interest distribution rate for the six month period 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016 was set at 1.50% per annum and paid on all Parish/Diocesan investments

Diocesan Website

The company engaged by the Council has produced a draft website and it is now in the process of being reviewed in regards to its design and user-friendliness. The draft has been put together using the Logo and colour schemes presented at the Special Call of Synod by Woodcroft College Student Lucy Robinson. The Council agreed that it would be politic and strategic to launch the new website at the May 2017 session of Synod.

Leigh Trust

The nomination of Dan Cregan as a Trustee for the Leigh Trust has been accepted. Dan is a lawyer from Mount Barker and has been a past recipient of the Hawker Scholarship for Education and an exhibitor of Emmanuel Cambridge.

Woodcroft and Investigator Colleges

Diocesan Council has decided to offer a prize to be awarded annually in both of these schools, to be known as the Anglican Diocese of The Murray Prize. The prize will be up to the value of \$250 to each school to cover an individual and perpetual trophy and a negotiated prize to be awarded towards the end of each year.

Home Mission Fund

Two grants have recently been approved from this Fund. One for freight reimbursement for Operation Christmas Child, sending shoeboxes with presents to children in need - a gift of hope and love. One for the purchase of a gazebo for a church book stall.

2017 Ordinations to the Priesthood

21st January, 11:00am St John the Baptist
Cathedral, Murray Bridge
Daniel Irvine

4th February, 11:00am St John the Evangelist,
Meningie
Ian Jansse

17th February, 6:00pm Mount Compass Football
Club
Bruce Hicks

2017 Synod Dates

26th & 27th May, Woodcroft College

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