



News From Diocesan Council

February 2022

Diocesan Council Appointments

It was reported that the Reverends David Patterson and Wayne Corker accepted nomination to Council. The Reverend Paul Monash has moved from the Diocese, therefore his membership has ceased. Full DC membership can be found at: www.murray.anglican.org/parishes/diocesan-council

Committee and Appointment vacancies

Diocesan Council – 3 clergy persons
Bishop Election Committee – 5 clergy persons and 4 lay members of Synod plus reserves
Panel of Assessors – 5 clergy persons and 5 lay members of Synod
Provincial Council Representatives – 1 clergy person and 1 lay member of Synod
Grievance Officer
Safe Ministry Officer

“Adventure Connect” Presentation

Archdeacon Dave McDougall from the Diocese of Willochra attended part of the Council meeting to brief members on the activities that the Anglican Charity ‘Adventure Connect’ has been conducting, and to seek potential collaborative discussions going forward. Council was amenable to further discussions and looks forward to hearing more as proposals are talked through and presented.

Matters Arising from the Special Sessions of Synod

Council confirmed the Reports of the Special Sessions of the Eighteenth Triennial Synod held on 3rd and 4th December 2021. These have been circulated to Synod Members by email and are available on the Diocesan website: www.murray.anglican.org/parishes/synod

The dates for Synod 2022 have changed due to venue availability. It will now be held on 3rd and 4th June in Murray Bridge.

Governance

Ms Jenetta Russell presented a visual update on the progress of the Diocesan Governance Manual and walked Councillors through each proposed element. Councillors were afforded the opportunity to ask questions before the Chair expressed gratitude for such an extensive update.

Property Report

Jeff McHugh provided the following updates to Council. A contract is being prepared for sale of the site in the South East as one parcel. Unfortunately, the St Francis of Assisi church at Christies Beach burnt down on the 6th February destroying the building and contents. The current claim for damaged caused by a storm in June 2021 had not been finalised although the same assessors are involved so a settlement is not expected to be too lengthy.

WHS & Risk Management

The following update was provided, Due to suggested aspects to be covered by this Committee, the name suggested is now *WHS and Risk Management*. WHS Workshops will be held after Easter developing a format for 2-3 hour regional workshops commencing with a pilot workshop in the Fleurieu region. Progress has been slow in revising Risk Management ISO 31000:2009.ISO 45001 so that it relates to DC culture and can be useful for a DC Strategic Risk Profile and subsequently relatable to Parish Councils.

Integrated Accounting System

It's anticipated that the IAS Workshop, previously proposed, will be held in Murray Bridge on a Friday during March.

Registry Staffing

Council expressed their concern that the Assistant Registrar position had not been finalised. With the Bishop's Secretary soon to go on maternity leave the matter is urgent. Fr David Price, Fr Cliff Greaves and Jeff McHugh were charged to reignite the matter with a view of filling the Assistant Registrar position within 3 months.

Episcopal Standards Ordinance and Committee

Whilst negotiations remain on-going they have stalled in recent times. Thoughts have been expressed if a national approach might be better. The Registrar will liaise with the Chancellor on the status of the Episcopal Standards framework in relation to this diocese.

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Safe Ministry Records - Provincial Safe Ministry

The migration of records is progressing. The rollout of the program remains anticipated soon, however last week's test was accidentally disseminated by the Adelaide Safe Ministry Unit to all of our church workers fulfilling roles requiring safe ministry clearances. This error should be disregarded at this immediate time.

Safe Church Training

Currently only online training options remain available and continue to be taken up. Fr Brenton Daulby has recommitted to facilitating training as required however what training looks like once the provincial system rolls out still requires ascertaining.

Media Policy

Fr David Price flagged with the Council that the diocese should develop a Media Policy which provides clarity around who is authorised to speak with media on behalf of the diocese. It was agreed that the Legislation Review Committee be asked to consider this matter in relation to a possible review of the Clergy Service Ordinance.

Monumental Masons Association of SA Inc.

Noting that some of the diocesan curators are meeting to work through elements of the Regulation that require updating, including fees, Council adopted the Diocesan Regulation for Cemeteries and Stonemasons in order to address matters raised by the Monumental Masons Association of SA Inc some months ago.

PeaceWise Training

O'Halloran Hill
5th & 12th March 2022

Synod 2022

Please note new dates

3rd & 4th June
Murray Bridge

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