



News From Diocesan Council

April 2022

Committee and Appointment vacancies

Diocesan Council accepted the nominations of Fr David Patterson to fill the vacancy on Provincial Council, Fr Wayne Corker to fill the position of ABM Representative and appointed Mr Mark Taylor to join the WHS and Risk Management Committee.

Diocesan Council Membership

Full DC membership can be found at: www.murray.anglican.org/parishes/diocesan-council

The Bishop informed the Council that as Ms Alison Dutton is now a Formation Candidate it is not appropriate that she remain on Council. Sadly her workload means that she also resigned the role of ABM Representative. The Bishop further informed the Council that as Dr Jocelyn Kellam is now a Formation Candidate her appointment as Lay Chaplain and Special Counsel to the Bishop is not appropriate. Once the formation process is concluded he will revisit this decision.

Parish Name Change

The Parish of The Hills at their annual meeting agreed to petition Diocesan Council to change their name. Council supported the request, therefore effective immediately the Parish is now known as the Parish of The Mount Barker District.

Name Change - Integrated Accounting System

The integrated accounting system continues to provide accounting and financial administration for seven parishes/faith communities who transitioned their financial operations in previous years.

The IAS Workshop for interested parties', postponed due to the pandemic was rescheduled and well received in March by those parishes who participated. System operational manuals are being finalised and will be dispatched soon.

A system name change has recently been promoted from Integrated Accounting System (IAS) to Parish Accounting System (PAS). The name change will continue to reinforce the focus of the system.

Property Report

Jeff McHugh provided the following updates to Council. Settlement has occurred for the sale of the Port MacDonnell Church & Hall. Council resolved that the Lameroo Church be sold. Unfortunately, the Faith Community of St Francis of Assisi at Christies Beach still await an outcome from Insurers following the storm damage and subsequent fire which destroyed the church building and contents. All are hopeful that settlement is not too far away. Two unsolicited offers to purchase church properties have been received and are being considered by the parish concerned in the first instance.

Distribution Rate

Diocesan Council accepted the recommendation of the FAI Committee that the interest distribution rate for the six month period 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022, be 1% per annum and paid on parish/diocesan investments.

Preparations for the annual Session of Synod

Council adopted for presentation to Synod the 2021 Audited Financial Statements for the Diocese of The Murray, the Endowment of Churches The Murray Fund and The Murray See Fund. Council also accepted the recommendation of the FAI Committee of the Draft 2023 Diocesan Budget and the Assessment rate, all for presentation to Synod.

Episcopal Standards Ordinance and Committee

Whilst negotiations remain on-going the Chancellor also presented a paper on 'Episcopal Discipline'. Council continues to note that our resources to populate the necessary committees and bodies contemplated by the ES Ordinance is thin.

Governance

Ms Jenetta Russell continues to join where possible the Finance Committee, WHS & Risk Committee and Diocesan Council meetings via Zoom. Her work continues walking the Council through progress on the Governance Manual, a newly developed skills matrix and drafting of personnel job descriptions.

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Registry Staffing

The staffing sub-Committee advertised on the website of Christian Jobs and has separately engaged EGM Partners an Adelaide based agency to facilitate recruitment.

Parish Project Applications Above \$5,000

The following Parishes have submitted projects to Council with estimated costs above \$5,000 for approval which was granted;

The Murray - For gable replacement and painting of the Taillem Bend Church.

Southern Suburbs - O'Halloran Hill rectory refurbishment and Church and Hall maintenance.

Synod Legislation

Council considered the proposed legislation prepared by the Legislation Review Committee and resolved for it to be submitted to the annual Synod.

Letter of Appreciation

The Parish of Onkaparinga Valley dialogued with the Diocesan Council noting that they have been the recipient of excellent faithful ministry from a number of Permission to Officiate and Locum licensed clergy over the past years since their full time priest left. Their annual meeting requested that recognition of this service be acknowledged. Diocesan Council endorsed that a letter of thanks be circulated to all Locum and PTO clergy working in the Diocese in appreciation of the work that they have done and continue to do.

Synod 2022

3rd & 4th June

Murray Bridge

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