



The Synod of the Diocese of The Murray of  
the Anglican Church of Australia Inc.  
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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH TRIENNIAL SYNOD

HELD AT BRIDGES EVENT CENTRE, 342 BRINKLEY ROAD, GIFFORD HILL  
ON FRIDAY 2 JUNE 2023

### COMMENCEMENT

The Synod assembled in the Macquarie and Legends Rooms, Gifford Hill, Murray Bridge at 1:00 pm. The Right Reverend Keith Dalby welcomed Synod members and led the Synod in opening prayers. Housekeeping matters were addressed.

The President presided with 16 clerical and 44 lay members of Synod in attendance.

*NB 1 member of clergy arrived while General Synod Legislation was being considered, making 17 clerical members of Synod.*

### MEMBERSHIP

The following appointments were announced: The Reverend Margaret Holt and Mrs Susan Smith as the Assistant Secretaries, Mr Jeffrey McHugh and Mr Richard Earley appointed as Scrutineers, The Reverend Andrew Forder appointed as Timekeeper and Mr Mark Taylor appointed as Synod Reporter.

The Register of Members was made available for sighting.

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

Mrs Jill Fiebiger	Lower Limestone Coast
Mr Graeme Skene	Lower Limestone Coast
Mrs Natalie Jones	Mount Barker District
The Venerable Neil Fernando	Mount Gambier
Mr John Hender	South Coast
The Reverend Marjorie Keeble	South Coast
Mrs Veronica Hedger	Southern Suburbs
Mr Chris Martin	Southern Suburbs
Mrs Bronwyn Telfer	Southern Suburbs
Mr Rick Telfer	Southern Suburbs
The Reverend Rory Westgarth	Southern Suburbs
The Reverend Andrew Klynsmith	Strathalbyn
The Reverend Robert Hupfeld	Tatiara
The Reverend Wayne Corker	Upper Limestone Coast
Ms Doreen Rusbrook	Western Fleurieu
The Venerable Adrian Stephens	Diocese
Dr Robert Tong	Diocese

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

Mr Dean Burrow	Lower Limestone Coast
Mr John (Fred) Luckhurst Smith	Lower Limestone Coast
Mr Paul Stevens	Mount Barker District
Ms Glenda Cockley	Southern Suburbs
Mrs Maxine Keys	Southern Suburbs

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The ac.care Acknowledgement of Country video was played.

## **RESOLUTIONS OF SYNOD**

### **SESSIONAL ORDERS**

That during this Session, the Synod sits from:

1:00 pm	to	3:30 pm
4:00 pm	to	6:00 pm

Mover: Mr Richard Earley

Seconder: Mr Murray McFarlane

**PASSED**

### **OBSERVERS TO THE SYNOD**

That this Synod warmly welcomes the observers from the Diocese of Adelaide, the Reverend Paula Bullock, from the Diocese of Willochra, the Reverend Anne Ford and Mr Michael Ford, from AnglicareSA, the Reverend Ben Falcon, and from the Anglican Board of Mission, Mrs Meagan Schwarz, and grants them a seat on the floor of Synod with the right to speak, but not to propose or second motions or vote.

Mover: Mr Richard Earley

Seconder: Mr Murray McFarlane

**PASSED**

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane moved a procedural motion

Seconder: Fr Lyndon Sulzberger

That the President be given leave to address Synod.

**PASSED**

The President addressed Synod regarding the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood legislation which will proceed at the end of the day's session. The President welcomed Mr Richard Earley for his first Synod as Registrar of the Diocese of The Murray. The President acknowledged those who have been ordained since the last Synod. Deacons: Reverends Alison Dutton, Rodney Fopp, Jocelyn Kellam, Rory Westgarth. Priest: Fr Peter Chapman.

The President announced that Mr Brian McMillan has been appointed Deputy Chancellor and will act in place of the Chancellor Dr Robert Tong who is unwell and unable to attend Synod. The President

acknowledged that this would have been Dr Tong's last Synod and expressed thanks for Dr Tong's many years of service.

## **SYNOD LEGISLATION**

### **A. DIOCESAN LEGISLATION**

1. That the Constitution Amendment Measure 2023 be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

Vote by Houses:

House of Laity: Yes – 44, No – 0

House of Clergy: Yes – 15, No – 0

House of Bishop: Yes – 1, No – 0

**PASSED**

That the Constitution Amendment Measure 2023 pass as a measure of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

Vote by Houses:

House of Laity: Yes – 44, No – 0

House of Clergy: Yes – 15, No – 0

House of Bishop: Yes – 1, No – 0

**PASSED**

2. That the Professional Standards 2016 Amendment Ordinance 2022 be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Professional Standards 2016 Amendment Ordinance 2022 pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

3. That the Audit and Assessment Ordinance 2023 be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Audit and Assessment Ordinance 2023 pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

4. That the Bishopric of The Murray Ordinance 2023 be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Bishopric of The Murray Ordinance 2023 pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

5. That the Anglican Development Fund (The Murray) Repeal Ordinance 2023 be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Anglican Development Fund (The Murray) Repeal Ordinance 2023 pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

6. That the Clergy Service Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 2023 be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Clergy Service Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 2023 pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

7. That the Parochial Administration Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 2023 be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Parochial Administration Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 2023 pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

8. That the Diocesan Council Amendment Ordinance 2023 be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Diocesan Council Amendment Ordinance 2023 pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

Mover: Mr Richard Earley moved a procedural motion.

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

That Mr Murray McFarlane be the mover the next motion in the place of the Chancellor Dr Robert Tong and Mr Brian McMillan be the seconder.

**PASSED**

9. That the Episcopal Standards Ordinance 2023 be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Episcopal Standards Ordinance 2023 pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

## **B. GENERAL SYNOD LEGISLATION**

Mover: Mr Richard Earley moved a procedural motion.

Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

That Mr Murray McFarlane be the mover of the General Synod Legislation motions in the place of the Chancellor Dr Robert Tong and Mr Brian McMillan be the seconder and that leave be given for Mr McFarlane to speak once to items 1 – 5 at the start.

**PASSED**

1. That the Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Suspension) Canon 2022, Canon 7, 2022 Assent Ordinance be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Secunder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Suspension) Canon 2022, Canon 7, 2022 Assent Ordinance pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Secunder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

2. That the Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Deposition) Canon 2022, Canon 8, 2022 Assent Ordinance be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Secunder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Deposition) Canon 2022, Canon 8, 2022 Assent Ordinance pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Secunder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

3. That the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) (Amendment) Canon 2022, Canon 9, 2022 Adoption Ordinance be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Secunder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) (Amendment) Canon 2022, Canon 9, 2022 Adoption Ordinance pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane

Secunder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

4. That the Safe Ministry Legislation Amendments Canon 2022, Canon 11, 2022 Adoption Ordinance be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane  
Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Safe Ministry Legislation Amendments Canon 2022, Canon 11, 2022 Adoption Ordinance pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane  
Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

5. That the Episcopal Standards Investigations Amendment Canon 2022, Canon 12, 2022 Adoption Ordinance be approved in principle.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane  
Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

That the Episcopal Standards Investigations Amendment Canon 2022, Canon 12, 2022 Adoption Ordinance pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: Mr Murray McFarlane  
Seconder: Mr Brian McMillan

**PASSED**

6. That the Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adoption Ordinance 2023 be approved in principle.

Mover: The Reverend Peter Sandeman  
Seconder: Mr Murray McFarlane

**PASSED**

That the Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adoption Ordinance 2023 pass as an ordinance of Synod.

Mover: The Reverend Peter Sandeman  
Seconder: Mr Murray McFarlane

**PASSED**

### **ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION**

Mrs Meagan Schwarz, Key Relationships Manager for ABM and observer to this Synod, spoke to the Synod regarding the work of ABM and ways the Diocese, Parishes and Parishioners can be involved.

## **LICENSING**

Mr Karl Bouwman was licensed as a Prophet.

## **DIOCESAN VISION**

The Bishop spoke about the Diocesan Vision and Values that were articulated at the Future Vision Workshop held by Diocesan Council earlier this year, informed by data from the National Church Life Survey.

## **DECLARATION OF ORDINANCES**

The President declared that following ordinances are now in force:

Professional Standards 2016 Amendment Ordinance 2022

Audit and Assessment Ordinance 2023

Bishopric of The Murray Ordinance 2023

Anglican Development Fund (The Murray) Repeal Ordinance 2023

Clergy Service Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 2023

Parochial Administration Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 2023

Diocesan Council Amendment Ordinance 2023

Episcopal Standards Ordinance 2023

Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Suspension) Canon 2022, Canon 7, 2022 Assent Ordinance

Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Deposition) Canon 2022, Canon 8, 2022 Assent Ordinance

Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) (Amendment) Canon 2022, Canon 9, 2022 Adoption Ordinance

Safe Ministry Legislation Amendments Canon 2022, Canon 11, 2022 Adoption Ordinance

Episcopal Standards Investigations Amendment Canon 2022, Canon 12, 2022 Adoption Ordinance

Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adoption Ordinance 2023

## **MOTION TO CLOSE FRIDAY'S SESSION OF SYNOD**

Mover: Mr Richard Earley moved a procedural motion.

Seconder: The Reverend Ian Jannse

This this Special Session of Synod be closed.

**PASSED**

The President closed the Special Session of Synod with prayer at 5:07 pm.