



News from Diocesan Council

February 2018

Risk Management Committee

It was previously reported that Don Grimmatt, Principal of Investigator College has kindly agreed to chair the above mentioned Committee. Council were asked to commit committee membership to thought and prayer. The Bishop, Archdeacon and Registrar will take on the authority to form the Committee going forward.

Safe Church Environment

Fr David Patterson reported that via the Registry Parishes and Pastoral Districts have been asked to respond with estimated numbers seeking to complete this year's courses so that the best locations can be chosen for the training. Online courses are being investigated.

Letter from Margaret Walden

Bishop John shared a letter that was sent to him from Margaret Walden, in which she thanked him for the Requiem Mass offered at the Cathedral for Bishop Graham Walden in December last year.

Seaford Ecumenical Mission

Council were advised of a change of name from Seaford Ecumenical Mission to Seaford Christian Churches (SCC), and their steering meeting has met looking at how the clergy will work together, relooking at their structure and mission.

Disbursements from the Home Mission Fund

Diocesan Council accepted the recommendation of the FAI Committee of the remuneration components from the HMF for new appointments. At the end of year 1 (and subsequent year) the HMF contribution will be reviewed and adjusted according to the requirements of each district. It is expected that the HMF contributions will reduce and be 75% in year 2, 50% in year 3, 25% in year 4 and 0% in year 5.

Change of Status to Pastoral Districts

Council agreed to accept requests of the following Parishes to change their status to become Pastoral Districts in order to progress the Mission Partnerships;

The Parish of Port Elliot-Goolwa to change status to that of a Pastoral District in order to progress the Mission Partnership with Victor Harbor.

The Parish of Murraylands to change status to that of a Pastoral District in order to progress the Mission Partnership with Mannum-Mount Pleasant.

The Parish of Mount Gambier to change status to that of a Pastoral District in order to progress the Mission Partnership with Millicent and Penola.

Creation of Mission Partnerships

Council considered decisions associated with the Pastoral Districts;

That the Pastoral District of the Riverland continues and now be known as the Mission Partnership of the Riverland, that its boundaries remain the same, that its Council retains current structure, and that its Synod Representation be 8.

That the Pastoral District of the Southern Suburbs continues and now be known as the Mission Partnership of the Southern Suburbs, that its boundaries remain the same, that its Council retains current structure, and that its Synod Representation be 8.

That the Pastoral Districts of Murraylands and Mannum-Mount Pleasant be combined into one Pastoral District known as the Mission Partnership of Murraylands, that the boundaries be the same as the two former Pastoral Districts, and that its Synod Representation be 8.

That the Pastoral Districts of Southern Vales and Yankalilla and Delamere be combined into one Pastoral District known as the Mission Partnership of Western Fleurieu, that the boundaries be the same as the two former Pastoral Districts, that the Council consist as submitted, and that its Synod Representation be 8.

That the Pastoral Districts of Port Elliot-Goolwa and Victor Harbor be combined into one Pastoral District known as the Mission Partnership of South Coast, that the boundaries be the same as the two former Pastoral Districts, that the Council retains current structure, and that its Synod Representation be 8.

That the Pastoral Districts of Mount Gambier and Millicent and Penola be combined into one Pastoral District known as the Mission Partnership of Lower Limestone Coast, that the boundaries be the same as the two former Pastoral Districts, and that its Synod Representation be 8.

Comments were shared about how the momentum of the future Mission Partnerships (Pastoral Districts) will need to keep engaged in two related areas i.e. growing the church and challenging all of the areas about the budget and how they are expected to grow towards self-funding.

Diocesan Chrism Mass

26th March, Mount Barker 11:00am

2018 Synod Dates

25th & 26th May, Woodcroft College

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