



News from Diocesan Council

February 2017

Walking the Way

Diocesan Councillors welcomed five additional personnel, invited by Bishop John to attend meetings in line with following the strategic plan *Walking the Way*, and the acclamation of the Special Call of Synod for the Diocese to act "as if" the restructuring were in place. These are Fr Thomas Karamakuzhiyil, Dr Ted Sandercock, Mr Graham Dickson, Mr Chris Martin and Mr Jeff McHugh as the new Chair of the Finance, Audit and Investment Committee. It was reiterated that only members of the Council properly constituted can vote.

Integrated Accounting System

After more than two years of voluntary service operating the Integrating Accounting System, Mr Bob Plummer has transitioned this responsibility to Fr David Price who will be operating the IAS from the Registry Office.

Cemetery Regulations

Diocesan Council approved for implementation the 2017 Regulation for Cemeteries. This can now be viewed on the Diocesan website.

Ignite Growth Campaign

Brochures and materials have been distributed across the Diocese to coincide with Bishop John's Pastoral Letter of the 26th February. This will be a consistent effort to grow the Church, while training and preparing to take on the 25% Growth Challenge by the feast of Christ the King 2018 by *Walking the Way* with training and evangelising, *Walking the Way* with excitement and passion and *Walking the Way* through worshipping and living as a family. Council noted that the sharing of resources is essential. Ruth Daws expressed plans for a creative element to be incorporated at the Synod Eucharist, and a song which has been chosen as the Diocesan Mission song for this year was shared. All to be revealed separately.



Diocesan Website

The new Logo and colour schemes presented at the Special Call of Synod have been incorporated into a draft website that Diocesan Councillors have been asked to review. The new site will be launched at the May 2017 session of Synod.

Safe Church Environment

The Council endorsed that the Diocesan safe ministry facilitator, Linda Vinall be appointed again this year to present the safe ministry training in the Diocese. Training dates will be advised separately.

Good News Stories

A number of good news stories were shared of how different congregations around the Diocese were taking mission to the people.

Mount Barker

After an ecumenical service where prayers were said for local businesses, two members of the Anglican congregation went and prayed in front of the law courts. The chaplain of the courts witnessed this, and made a connection. The Parish feel they have a mission to continue this association.

Mount Gambier

Council noted the retirement of Rob Foggo as CEO of ac.care after 30 years. It is being considered how it would be best for the Diocese to mark Rob's service.

There has been the introduction of a Pathways Service. This will be a monthly, non-Eucharistic service conducted using a PowerPoint presentation, which could easily be shared with others.

The existing op shop ministry has been disbanded and a new drop-in centre is being developed.

The Riverland

An ecumenical service was recently held at Berri to offer prayers and care for the storm-hit Riverland fruit growers, and those related industries.

2017 Synod Dates

26th & 27th May, Woodcroft College

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