

News from Diocesan Council

April 2013

APPOINTMENTS

The Administrator announced the following appointments:

Fr Wayne Corker, Locum Tenens, Naracoorte. Chancellor of the Diocese, Dr Robert Tong AM.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MATTERS

Continuing Safer Ministry Training
Saturday 15th June 2013
9.00 am
St Luke's Anglican Church Hall, Tailem Bend

To register for the training session, email Fr Paul Devenport **pdevenport@vtown.com.au** Or telephone 8323 9744.

<u>Church Property</u> The Pinnaroo Church is expected to be offered for sale by auction, however interest in the property is proving challenging.

South Australian Work Health & Safety Act 2012 Council were informed that this Act came into effect on 1st January 2013. A main object of this Act is to provide for a balanced and nationally consistent framework to secure health and safety of workers and workplaces.

Australian Charities and not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Council were apprised of the transition from the Australian Taxation Office to the new Australian Charities and not-for-profits (NFP) Commission (ACNC). The ACNC, a new federal regulator for the NFP sector proposes to implement reporting and governance standards that may affect the Anglican Diocese of The Murray. The extent of impact depends greatly on whether the diocese and related parishes are deemed "basic religious charities". This is currently being assessed.

FINANCE, AUDIT & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (FAI)

Locum Tenens Payment Arrangements

Council considered regularising Locum Tenens payment arrangements and passed the following motion:

That full time locum tenens payment arrangements for more than a six month period be paid on the same basis of full stipendiary clergymen (i.e. via the central diocesan payroll system).

<u>Distribution Rate</u>: The interest distribution rate for the six month period 1st October 2012 to 31st March 2013 was set at 2.75% and paid on all diocesan/parish investments.

Stipend & Travel Rates for 2014 In order to provide parishes with advance notice for budget preparations, Diocesan Council recently determined that it will set stipend and travel rates for the following year at its April meeting instead of October.

That the minimum base stipend from 1st January 2014 be increased by 5% to \$47,880 per annum. In addition, it is understood that Rectory heating and cooling costs, housing and travel be provided along with the stipend, and that fully funded superannuation be provided at 18% of the stipend (\$8,618).

Travel Rates remain unchanged from 2013

Replacement Component

Over 20,000 km per annum \$6,600 (\$550 per month) Under 20,000 km per annum \$5,280 (\$440 per month)

Fixed Costs

\$2,400 per annum (\$200 per month)

Kilometre Rate

The kilometre rate be 20 cents a kilometre.

Clergy not in Full time Ministry
The kilometre rate be 55 cents a kilometre.