



News from Diocesan Council

December 2018

Finance, Audit & Investment Committee

Membership

Diocesan Council affirmed the appointments to the FAI Committee of Mrs Margaret Cale (Western Fleurieu) and Mrs Lucy Bedford (Murraylands) noting that they will bring freshness, a new angle and gender balance to the Committee. It was also noted that they are both currently fulfilling local treasurer roles.

Integrated Accounting System (IAS)

It was noted that the improved reporting is receiving some positive feedback and that two additional areas are joining the IAS in the new year.

Bishop Election Committee

Due to a clerical vacancy in the Bishop Election Committee with Fr Nat Reuss leaving the Diocese it was announced at Diocesan Council that Fr Lyndon Sulzberger will take his place as the 1st Reserve.

National Redress Scheme

Following on from the National Redress Scheme presentation at our last meeting, the Registrar drew attention to some documents circulated prior to the meeting. Following discussion the Council agreed to make an in principle decision to join the National Redress Scheme and ask the FAI Committee to assist Diocesan Council to understand the financial implications of this decision.

Diocese of Adelaide Synod Report

The Report of the Adelaide Synod presented by our observers Fr Simon Waters and Dr Ted Sandercock was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Ted tabled the Archbishop's address to the Diocese. Council shared their appreciation to the two Synod observers for their attendance and reports.

Draft Synod Budget 2019 and 2020

A draft Synod Budget for 2019 and 2020 was circulated to Councillors. Noting that previously annual budgets for approval by Synod have been presented part way through the year, it is therefore proposed to provide 2019 Synod with budgets for the next 2 years which will mean that future budgets can be presented to Synod before the year commences. E.g. a budget for 2021 will be presented at the 2020 Synod. Council members have been asked to share the 2019 and 2020 budgets within their Mission Partnerships and invite feedback to the Registrar.

Property Report

Jeff McHugh provided an update to the Council which included the upcoming auction of St Nicholas Beachport early in January. Jeff indicated that he, or Des Warner in his absence, and the Bishop are in conversation with each of the Mission Partnerships about their Mission Action Plans, the clergy assets, property assets and financial assets and discussing strategies. The bulk of the meetings will have occurred before Christmas and the information ascertained will be of value to both the Mission Partnerships and the FAI Committee.

Diocesan Regulation for Cemeteries

The Regulation has been redrafted to provide further clarification in relation to the Curator Fees and their duties. Council moved that the Diocesan Regulation for Cemeteries 2018 be adopted effective immediately. This is available on the Diocesan website.

Registry Office Holidays

Closing Friday 21st December 2018
Re-opening Monday 14th January 2019

2019 Synod Dates

24th & 25th May, Woodcroft College

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