



Anglican Church of Australia

General Synod

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Take 12,000 more refugees, Church pleads

The Anglican Church of Australia has urged the Federal Government to take another 12,000 refugees from Syria and Iraq, especially Christians and other minorities.

The church also asked the Government, as a matter of human decency, to resettle in Australia by Christmas any refugees and asylum seekers still detained on Manus Island and Nauru as of October 1, and urged the Government to partner with the churches in healing and resettling the refugees.

At its triennial General Synod in Maroochydore, Queensland, the church affirmed the life-saving consequences of the earlier allotment of 12,000 extra places, particularly for Christians and other minorities who had been targeted by Islamic State.

The synod has urged each of Australia's 23 dioceses to give 0.7 per cent of gross income to projects supporting sustainable development goals, and asked the Government to give 0.7 per cent of gross national income to overseas development. It also asked the Government to increase diplomatic and humanitarian efforts for Rohingya Muslims.

The synod voted to oppose assisted dying, urge the government to improve palliative care resources, and to encourage Anglicans to contact their MPs.

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