

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH DAY OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL SYNOD  
OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA  
HELD IN SYNOD HALL, WANDINY ROOM,  
NOVOTEL TWIN WATERS RESORT, MAROOCHYDORE  
ON FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**1 SYNOD ASSEMBLED**

The Synod reconvened at 9.00 am with the Primate, Archbishop Philip Freier, presiding.

**2 PRAYERS**

The Synod opened with a service of morning prayer led by Bishop Garry Weatherill.

The President's Chaplain, the Rev'd Julie Worrall, led the prayer for the General Synod prior to the commencement of business.

**3 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

The President gave the following responses:

**Question 4:**

Mr Tim McGhie asked the following question.

In relation to the exemption orders promulgated by APRA and ASIC for religious development funds:

- a) What contact was made with APRA?
- b) What feedback was received from APRA?
- c) What contact was made with ASIC?
- d) What feedback was received from ASIC?
- e) Is the task force aware of the complexity and costs imposed on various development funds as a consequence of the exemption order promulgated by ASIC?
- f) Why did the task force not consult with all development funds in the context of contact with ASIC?

Response:

- a) *What contact was made with APRA?*  
DFATF has been in contact with APRA in relation to the exemption orders since the initial consultation paper was released in 2013. Members of DFATF and diocesan representatives have met with APRA. DFATF have supported a number of dioceses in writing submissions to APRA and also made an independent submission. In total, 22 submissions were initially made to APRA, which subsequently issued revised changes in August 2013 and March 2016, with the final Banking Exemption Order released in September 2016, effective from 1 January 2017.

b) *What feedback was received from APRA?*

Positive feedback was received directly in DFATF's meetings and conversations with APRA. They were responsive to the church's requests and made efforts to understand church's operating models. The compromises and revisions they made to their original proposals demonstrated that they were responsive to DFATF's submissions.

c) *What contact was made with ASIC?*

The pattern of the ASIC consultation process was very similar to the APRA process noted above, with consultations taking place in 2013.

d) *What feedback was received from ASIC?*

ASIC responded positively to approaches from the church which was reflected in the revision of the original proposal to the development of the final rules in response to church submissions.

e) *Is the task force aware of the complexity and costs imposed on various development funds as a consequence of the exemption order promulgated by ASIC?*

DFATF includes representatives of a number of dioceses and has worked directly with a number of Anglican Development Funds. Its members are very much aware of the complexities and costs imposed on Anglican Development Funds (ADF) by regulatory change. DFATF submissions have been successful in influencing APRA and ASIC to refine their position for the operational benefit of ADF's.

f) *Why did the task force not consult with all development funds in the context of contact with ASIC?*

Over the three year period DFATF consulted with diocesan administration and Anglican Development Funds in developing its submissions to ASIC

### **3 PETITIONS**

The President called for Petitions  
None were received.

### **4 NOTICES OF QUESTIONS**

None received.

### **5 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Bishop Michael Stead sought leave of Synod to make available to Synod the booklet, *What God has Joined Together*. Leave was so granted.

Dr Laurie Scandrett asked a question of the President with regards appropriate timing for motions of thanks and acknowledgement. President advised that the opportunity would be available towards the end of the Synod business session.

The Hon Richard Refshauge sought leave to withdraw **Motion 22.13 Acknowledgement of Work on Child Safety Framework**, standing in his name. Leave was so granted.

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## 6 CALL OVER THE MOTIONS

### 22.14 Request for Doctrine Commission Report

The Rev'd James Harricks moving, the Venerable Kara Hartley seconding

The General Synod requests the Doctrine Commission to prepare a report on the distinction between the gospel of Christ crucified and the consequences of that gospel.

Electronic voting results: Simple Majority  
119Yes  
101 No

**Carried**

## 7 REPORTS

None received.

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## ORDER OF THE DAY (10.00AM FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017)

### 16.3 Motions relating to Financial Matters

Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding

16.3.4 That the General Synod budget for the year ended 31 December 2018, be approved.

**Carried**

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Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding

16.3.5 That Synod receives the General Synod forecast budget for years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020.

**Carried**

Synod adjourned at 10.31am for Morning tea.

Synod resumed 10.50 am.

### **16.18 Refugees on Manus Island and Nauru**

The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moving,

That this General Synod, in the divine compassion and as a matter of human decency, recognizing the exceptional circumstances, urges the Federal Government to resettle in Australia, by Christmas 2017, any refugees still detained on Manus Island and Nauru as at 1 November 2017.

That this General Synod urges the Federal Government to partner with the Churches as regards the healing and resettling of these refugees.

#### **Amendment**

Emma Riggs moving,

Deleting the words:

“detained on Manus Island and Nauru”

and replacing them with:

“held on Manus Island and detained on Nauru”

Adding the words “and asylum seekers” after the word “refugees”.

The mover accepted an amendment that 1<sup>st</sup> November be changed to 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### **16.18 Refugees on Manus Island and Nauru**

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The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moving, The Rev'd Gillian Moses seconding,

That this General Synod, in the divine providence and as a matter of human decency, recognising the exceptional circumstances, urges the Federal Government to resettle in Australia, by Christmas 2017, any refugees and asylum seekers still held on Manus Island and detained on Nauru as at 1 October 2017.

That this General Synod urges the Federal Government to partner with the Churches as regards the healing and resettling of these refugees and asylum seekers.

***Carried***

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### **16.19 Refugees from Syria and Iraq**

Leave was sought to bring the motion in an amended form. Leave was so granted.

### **16.19 Refugees from Syria and Iraq**

The Very Rev'd Peter Catt moving, The Rev'd Gillian Moses seconding,

That this General Synod, recognising the exceptional circumstances, urges our Federal Government, as soon as possible, to make another allocation of 12,000 additional refugee places for people, especially Christians and other minorities, displaced by the ongoing conflict in Syria and Iraq.

That, relatedly, this General Synod urges the Federal Government to increase funding to assist their integration into Australian society, including the provision of assistance and training to obtain employment opportunities.

That this General Synod, from the experience of its members, affirms the life-saving consequences of the earlier extra 12000 places, particular for Christians and other minorities who had been targeted by ISIS.

***Carried***

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### **16.20 Action to contribute to the Paris Climate Accord**

Leave was sought to bring the motion in an amended form. Leave was so granted.

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The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moving, Dr Beth Heyde seconding,

Noting:

- the global groundswell of community and industry support for effective and rapid action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the very challenging goal expressed in the 2015 Paris Climate Accord (to limit warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels);
- the critical importance of community action, both in achieving that goal and in leading governments to act;
- the Anglican Communion's fifth mark of mission: 'to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and

- renew the life of the earth', and
- General Synod's Protection of the Environment Canon 2007 which required meaningful action and reporting by participating Dioceses on steps taken to reduce their environmental impact;

#### The General Synod

1. encourages Federal and State governments in Australia to act quickly to resolve perceived conflicts of interest between the wider community and commercial beneficiaries of fossil fuels, and show leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions through effective market mechanisms based on consistent expert recommendations.
2. requests each Diocese that has adopted the Protection of the Environment Canon 2007 to report to the Standing Committee of General Synod in 2018, and to the next meeting of General Synod, on progress in reducing their environmental impact (as required by s.3(1)), with particular emphasis on energy efficiency in order to minimise contributions to global warming.
3. encourages Dioceses to make use of standardised instruments such as the Parish Quick Carbon Self-Report instrument (available through the Public Affairs Commission) in order to develop an internal reporting mechanism.
4. encourages Dioceses to report to the Standing Committee of General Synod in 2018, and to the next meeting of General Synod, on progress made towards divestment from fossil fuels or other measures to improve the ecological sustainability of Diocesan investments portfolios, as encouraged by motion 61/14 of General Synod.
5. encourages Dioceses to engage in teaching and preaching on the theology of the environment.
6. encourages Dioceses to consider the work of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) towards spiritually-inspired stewardship in reducing greenhouse gas emissions: and to encourage participation in the work of this multi-faith network and consideration also of secular networks with similar aims to reduce global greenhouse emissions.

***Carried***

#### **MINUTES**

Mr Clive Ellis reported to the President that the Minutes Reading Committee had received a copy of the Minutes of Day Four, and certified them as correct.

Mr Clive Ellis moving, Dr Timothy Nicholson seconding that the report be received.

***Carried***

#### 21.4 21.4 Assisted Dying

Dr Denise Cooper-Clarke sought leave to bring the motion in an amended form. Leave was so granted.

#### 21.4 Assisted Dying

Dr Denise Cooper-Clarke moving, Dr Karin Sowada seconding,

The General Synod, recognising the continued push for laws concerning 'assisted dying' in a number of Australian States –

- a) Notes Synod Resolution 81/10, affirming the sanctity of life; that life is God's gift and that our task is to protect, nurture and sustain life to the best of our ability;
- b) Notes that in 1995, Synod expressed its opposition to euthanasia in response to legislation passed by the Northern Territory Parliament;
- c) Opposes the legalisation of assisted dying;
- d) Urges all Australian State and Territory governments to better resource palliative care services, including in regional and remote communities, Aboriginal communities and nursing homes, and to provide better training in palliative care for all health professionals; and
- e) Recognising the vital contribution made by people of faith to public debate, urges Australian Anglicans to contact their MP's to express their views, particularly in NSW and Victoria where legislation will be debated this year.

#### **Amendment**

Rachel Ellyard moving,

Delete the title to read "Assisted Dying"

Delete the entire motion.

Adding the words:

The General Synod, noting the emergence of proposals for laws relating to doctor-assisted dying in a number of Australian States –

- a) Affirms the importance of ensuring that any person facing the end of their life in circumstances of pain and distress is cared for in a way which -
  - (i) values their intrinsic worth as human beings; and
  - (ii) honours their right to care which meets their particular needs.
- (b) Recognises that there are those who experience palliative care services as inadequate to meet those particular needs;
- (c) Commends to any government which is considering

the enactment of laws relating to doctor-assisted dying the importance of hearing all of the voices which have relevance in the debate, including communities of faith;

- (d) Urges all governments at the federal, State and Territory level to better resource palliative care services so as to;
  - (i) improve palliative care in the community, including regional and remote communities. Aboriginal communities and nursing homes
  - (ii) provide better training in palliative care for all health professionals
- (e) Recognising the vital contribution which can be made by persons of faith to public debate on matters of ethics, urges Australian Anglicans to participate in that public debate.

Electronic voting results: Simple Majority

68 Yes

159 No

**Lost**

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#### **21.4 Assisted Dying**

Dr Denise Cooper-Clarke moving, Dr Karin Sowada seconding,

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**Carried**

## **21.5 Apology to the LGBTQI Community**

Bishop John Parkes AM moving, Bishop Ian Palmer seconding

This General Synod:

1. Affirms that all people are made in the image of God regardless of their race, sex, economic background, political affiliation and the particular temptations that they face as human beings on this side of the Fall.
2. Offers a heartfelt apology to those who have been hurt by our failure to treat all people as precious in the sight of God.
3. In particular we apologise to, and seek forgiveness from, people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex or queer whom we have hurt by words and behaviour that have not displayed the love of God. We are deeply sorry for any harm we have done and repent of such ungodly behaviour.
4. We affirm that as image bearers all people have a deep and natural hunger for mutual love, a search for identity and a longing for completeness. Scripture teaches the proper expression of human sexuality is between a man and a woman within the covenant of marriage. We pledge ourselves to treat with compassion and care those who struggle in the area of their sexual orientation. We commit to walking with them and to encouraging them and each other in a life of discipleship characterised by humility, repentance, faith and the confidence that comes from knowing God's grace and forgiveness.
5. Commits the Anglican Church of Australia to teaching its members to respect difference and to understand the struggles that others endure as we walk together in humble, faithful discipleship in obedience to the word of God.
6. Commits to fostering churches and fellowships where compassion and grace abound and where the love of God is expressed to all, no matter their background or struggles. In particular we desire to be places where LGBTIQ+ people will feel safe.
7. Asks and encourages local churches to speak the truth in love and to demonstrate our repentance in changed attitudes and conduct.

## **Amendment**

The Very Rev Dr Peter Catt moving,

To delete paragraph 4

**Lost**

Mr Colin Reilly moved "That the Question not be put."

Electronic voting results: Simple Majority

116Yes

108No

**Carried**

The President moved the motion that we suspend so much of Standing Orders to allow for a call over of the motions without the mover making a speech.

**Carried**

R64/17

### **22.10 Faithfulness in Service and National Consistency regarding professional standards**

Canon Sandy Grant moving, The Very Rev'd Kanishka Raffel seconding

Synod notes repeated concern expressed for children and vulnerable persons other than children in our churches and organisations, and the need to protect both children and adults from abuse. Synod also notes the desirability of a nationally consistent approach to professional standards wherever possible.

Therefore Synod requests the General Synod Standing Committee (GSSC) to report to the next session of General Synod on the status of Faithfulness in Service (in the current form approved by GSSC) as our national code of conduct in the various dioceses, specifically:

1. Which dioceses have adopted the Faithfulness in Service without amendment as their code of conduct?
2. Which dioceses have adopted Faithfulness in Service with amendment as their code of conduct?
3. Which dioceses have used Faithfulness in Service, with or without amendment, in some manner other than as a code of conduct?
4. Which dioceses have a code of conduct other than Faithfulness in Service (with or without amendments)?

Synod also requests GSSC, in consultation with the Professional Standards Commission, to report to the next session of General Synod on preferred options for effectively ensuring that professional standards regarding the care and protection of adults, especially the vulnerable in our midst, are nationally consistent to the greatest extent possible.

**Carried**

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### **22.15 Rohingya Muslim People**

Bishop Philip Huggins moving, The Very Rev'd Peter Catt

That this General Synod noting with sadness today's reports about the suffering of the Rohingya Muslim people, prayerfully urges our government's further diplomatic initiative and provision of humanitarian assistance.

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### **22.16 Recognition and thanks for Child Protection Work**

***Carried***

Mr Daniel Aspinall moving, The Hon Richard Refshaug seconding

That this General Synod recognises:

- a. The unprecedented level of support in this session for consistent national standards and approaches with respect to child protection, episcopal standards and redress for abuse survivors measures;
- b. that this reflects the huge investment of time, energy and expertise by key leaders over many years especially in the extensive consultation and collaboration that took place preceding this session; and

that this General Synod, therefore, records and expresses its sincere thanks and deep appreciation to:

- Mr Garth Blake SC and the members of the Professional Standards Commission;
- The Honourable Justice Debra Mullins and the members of the Church Law Commission and Episcopal Standards Task Force; and
- Mr Michael Shand QC;

for their unstinting and tireless efforts to prepare legislation and garner support to ensure the protection of children and the accountability of clergy and church workers in this Church.

The motion was carried with acclamation and a standing ovation.

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### **22.17 Royal Commission**

***Carried***

Mr Garth Blake moving, Archbishop Philip Freier seconding

(a) gives thanks to God for the work of the Royal

***Carried***

Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse;

- (b) acknowledges the significant contribution of the Royal Commission in revealing the extent of child sexual abuse in institutional contexts, identifying appropriate redress to survivors, and recommending strategies to create child safe institutions;
- (c) expresses its sincere gratitude for the engagement of the Royal Commission with this Church, particularly through the attendance of the Chair, the Hon Peter McClellan AM at National Bishops Meetings, and the address of Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM at this General Synod;
- (d) prays for the Royal Commission as it completes its work, and that its lasting legacy will be an Australia in which children are safe, including in this Church.

Immediately following carriage of the motion, the Chair of the Royal Commission Working Group led the General Synod in prayer for the Royal Commission:

God of Truth,

We pray for the work of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Give courage and healing to those who tell their stories of suffering.

Give compassion to the Commissioners as they listen

Give them the insight to pose questions

And wisdom to weigh testimony.

Bring your Church to true repentance

As we face our sins and failures.

In the midst of anger, grief and despair

Give us grace to shape a future

Where children and other vulnerable people

Will be safe to flourish in body, mind and spirit.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

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## **22.18 General Synod Arrangements**

Archbishop Geoff Smith moving, Dr Muriel Porter seconding

The General Synod gratefully thanks –

The President, Archbishop Philip Freier, the Chair of Committees, Dr Ian Gibson, the Deputy Chairs of Committees, Ms Audrey Mills and Ms Rachel Ellyard for their careful carriage of the business of the General Synod;

The Clerical Secretary, the Rev'd Canon Katherine Bowyer, and the Lay Secretary, Mr Tim Reid, who have excelled in undertaking these roles for the first time at this session of General Synod;

***Carried***

The President's Chaplain, the Rev'd Julie Worrall, for her prayerful contributions;

The Diocese of Brisbane, in particular, Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and Bishop Jeremy Greaves, Bishop for the Northern Region, for their generous assistance with local arrangements;

The members of the Minutes Reading Committee:

Mr Clive Ellis (Convenor)

Bishop Bradly Billings

Ms Beverly Birch

The Rev'd Dane Courtney

Dr Timothy Nicholson

Bishop Sarah Macneil

For their attention to detail and patience under demanding time constraints;

The members of the Election and Qualifications Committee:

Bishop Trevor Edwards

Mr Michael Meek SC

Justice Debra Mullins

Bishop John Parkes AM

Ms Emma Riggs

Ms Carolyn Tan

whose thoughtful deliberations facilitated our electoral processes;

The Liturgy Committee:

Bishop Garry Weatherill (chair)

The Rev'd Dr Rhys Bezzant

The Very Rev'd Chris Chataway

The Rev'd Dane Courtney

The Rev'd Jasmine Dow

The Very Rev'd Richard Humphrey

The Rev'd Dr Colleen O'Reilly

The Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith

The Rev'd Dr Richard Treloar

For the preparation and leadership of the General Synod worship program;

Archbishop Glenn Davies for preaching at the General Synod Opening Eucharist;

The members of the Torres Strait Islander Choir for their joyful participation in the General Synod Eucharist, and Ms Rose Elu, General Synod member, for arranging their participation;

Mr Stuart Meade, Principal, and the students of Matthew Flinders Anglican College for their generosity in hosting the General Synod Opening Eucharist;

The Very Rev'd Chris Chataway, Bishop Cameron Venables, Bishop Greg Anderson and others who have provided the music during our daily worship;

Archdeacon Arthur Copeman, Chair of the General Synod Bible Study Committee, and its members, Archdeacon Lionel Snell, Bishop Ross Nicholson, the Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee, for the careful design and preparation of the Bible study resources and the arrangements for small groups;

Bishop Michael Stead, the Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey, the Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee and the Rev'd Dr John Dunnill for their enriching leadership of the Bible study sessions.

The 33 General Synod members who have ably acted as the facilitators of the Bible study small groups.

The Diocese of Adelaide for making available the electronic voting devices for General Synod, and for releasing Mr Dan Harris, Manager of Ministry and Parish Support, to guide us so efficiently in the implementation of the system.

The Media Team, particularly Mr Barney Zwartz, and other contributors from Anglican media organisations for their attention to the publicity of issues arising from this Synod;

The generous sponsorship of:  
The Anglican Board of Mission  
Anglican National Super  
Anglican Overseas Aid  
Anglican Relief and Development Fund  
Bible Study Live Light  
Church Resources  
Defence Force Anglican Chaplaincy  
Fair Go  
Keepad Interactive  
The Mission to Seafarers  
Olive Tree Travel

Ms Sheridan Veenstra, team leader at Corporate Travel Group for so efficiently facilitating the travel arrangements for General Synod members;

Ms Ros Christie, Event Manager, for her support to the General Synod Office and efficient coordination of arrangements with the Novotel Resort;

Mr Warwick Kahl, General Manager of the Novotel Twin Waters Resort and his team who have supported our meeting so professionally,

The Resort's team members particularly the following who have cheerfully responded to all requests:  
Event Coordinator - Jacinta Blums  
Accommodation - Hannah Cockerill  
Front Desk Manager - Gopi Jayakumar  
Catering – Tina, Julia & Sharon  
Executive Chef – Murray & Staff  
Housekeeping - Gail & Lauren  
Audio Visual – Ritchie Harland & team from AV Partners;

Finally, the General Secretary, Ms Anne Hywood, and the General Synod Office team for their work which has provided for such a smooth and successful meeting:  
Ms Marianne Yacoel, Finance and Operation Manager,  
Ms Dianne Ellis, Assistant to the General Secretary,  
Mrs Minna Magoulas, Administrative Assistant,  
Mrs Renee Tudehope, Accountant,  
Mr Aaron Imperial, Accountant,  
and Ms Shirall Mayers, Administrator Long Service Leave Fund, all of whom, despite late nights, worked so long, so hard and so effectively at this Synod and with such good humour.

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## **22.19 The Hon Peter Young AO QC**

Dr Laurie Scandrett moving, Dr Robert Tong AM seconding

That this Synod notes that this will most likely be the last General Synod that The Hon. Peter Young AO QC will be a representative for the Diocese of Sydney.

This Synod gives great thanks for Peter's encyclopaedic knowledge of the law and a deep commitment to Christ and his Church, the Anglican Church of Australia. This has been exemplified by his continuous membership of this Synod from the Sixth General Synod in 1985 to the Seventeenth General Synod in 2017, and his other national Church involvements.

This Synod particularly notes his insightful time on the General Synod Standing Committee, his detailed work as the Chairman of Committees of General Synod, his perceptive work on the Church Law Commission, his Chairmanship of the National Church Constitution Commission, and of course his sacrificial service firstly as a member and then as the President of the Appellate Tribunal.

Finally this Synod wishes Peter and Pam God's every blessing for the future.

***Carried***

R70/17

Bishop Rob Forsyth sought leave of Synod to move a motion without notice. Leave was so granted.

That this General Synod expresses its appreciation Bishop Andrew Curnow for his service to the diocese of Bendigo, to this Synod and to the Anglican Church of Australia.

**Carried**

R71/17

Bishop Kate Wilmot sought the leave of Synod to bring a Motion without Notice. Leave was so granted.

That this General Synod expresses its appreciation to Bishop Alan Ewing for his service to the diocese of Bunbury, to this Synod and to the Anglican Church of Australia.

**Carried**

R72/17

Bishop Michael Stead sought the leave of Synod to move a motion of appreciation without notice: Leave was so granted.

This General Synod recognises that some of its number will be retiring before the next session of General Synod. This General Synod expresses its appreciation to its retiring members, and thanks God for them and for their service to this Synod and to the Anglican Church of Australia over many years, including the following:

**Adelaide**

Dr Baden Teague

**Bathurst**

Bishop Ian Palmer

**Bendigo**

Bishop Andrew Curnow AM

**Brisbane**

Bishop Alison Taylor

**Bunbury**

Bishop Allan Ewing

Mr Harold Luxton

**Doctrine Commission**

Bishop Jeffrey Driver

**Grafton**

Bishop Sarah Macneil

**Melbourne**

Bishop Philip Huggins

Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly

Venerable Len Firth

Rev'd Dr Donald Saines

Dr Muriel Porter OAM who has completed 28 years' service to Standing Committee

**North Queensland**

Bishop Bill Ray

**Sydney**

Bishop Robert Forsyth

Geoff Kyngdon

Archbishop Glenn Davies

**Wangaratta**

Bishop John Parkes

**Willochra**

Ruth Robinson

***Carried***

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of the President, the General Synod closed at 12.30 pm.

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President

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Date