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PREFACE

This book, commonly referred to as “the Proceedings Book”, provides a record of the outcomes of the Seventeenth General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, held in Maroochydore, Queensland from 3 September to 8 September 2017.

The Proceedings Book contains the text of the Presidential Address, canons, rules and protocols passed by the Synod, the results of elections, financial statements and budgets for the General Synod and a selection of reports. A summary of resolutions of the Synod arranged by subject matter is provided. Lists of Officers and Members of the Synod are also included.

The business papers and minutes of this session of General Synod can be accessed at the General Synod website at www.anglican.org.au.

The Proceedings Book is commended to the members of the General Synod, the wider membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and the community.

Anne Hywood
General Secretary

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SYNOD ARRANGEMENTS

The Seventeenth Session of General Synod (GS17) was held at Novotel Twin Waters Resort in Maroochydore, Queensland from 3 – 8 September 2017.

Attendees

Dioceses confirmed 258 members eligible to attend the Seventeenth Session of General Synod. 254 members registered of whom 72 were new members. Also attending for the full session were:

- 8 Guests
- 7 Anglican media representatives
- 9 General Synod Office staff and contractors

Worship and Bible Study

The session opened with a service of Holy Communion at the Matthew Flinders Anglican College in Buderim on Sunday 3 September 2017. The Liturgy Commission coordinated the worship program and a group appointed by Standing Committee coordinated the Bible Study small group discussion program.

Legislation

33 bills were tabled including 29 bills for canons and 4 bills for rules.

28 bills were presented resulting in the adoption of 22 Canons, 4 Rules and 2 Protocols.

Bill 10 (Book 1) was replaced by Bill 10A and 10B (Book 5). The four Alternative Bills promoted by the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Melbourne were withdrawn.

In accordance with Rule XXI(1), 10 Canons, requiring diocesan adoption or assent were finalised and circulated for consideration by diocesan synods on 13 September 2017, within one week of the conclusion of the General Synod.

Amendments to the National Register Canon 2007 and protocols, which came into immediate effect, were circulated to Diocesan Bishops, Registrars and Directors of Professional Standards on 20 September 2017.

Updated and new legislation was available on the General Synod website by October 2017 and included in the eleventh edition of The Constitution, Canons and Rules of The Anglican Church of Australia 2017.

Resolutions

72 resolutions were confirmed at GS17. Resolutions requiring action by General Synod Commissions, Task Forces and Working Groups were referred to Chairs and Convenors on 26 September 2017.

A document collating all resolutions by subject matter, noting those requiring action by dioceses, was circulated to Diocesan Bishops and Registrars on 26 September 2017.

External correspondence arising from the resolutions, ie advice to government leaders and other agencies, was completed by 29 September 2017.

Resolutions and legislation relating to matters of child protection were provided to the Royal Commission on 15 September 2017.

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**THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL SYNOD
OF THE
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
3 September – 8 September 2017**

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The list of members of the House of Bishops and the clerical and lay representatives of the diocese was certified by the Diocesan Bishop prior to the commencement.

The following apologies were received. Dioceses did not provide a replacement alternative delegate:

Diocese of Ballarat

Mrs Sally Macarthur Clyde

Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn

Bishop Stuart Robinson

Diocese of Grafton

The Venerable Gail Hagon

Diocese of North Queensland

Mr Edward Bray

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ADDRESS OF THE MOST REVEREND DR PHILIP L FREIER
PRIMATE OF AUSTRALIA
DELIVERED AT THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE
GENERAL SYNOD
OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
AT NOVOTEL TWIN WATERS, MAROOCHYDORE, QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA
MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017

Acknowledgement

Let me first acknowledge the Gubi Gubi people, the traditional owners of this land on which we meet, and pay my respects to their elders past and present.

Welcome to this 17th General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

I commence with these words of prayer from the *Wontulp Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group*

*Holy Father, God of Love,
You are the Creator of all things.*

*We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history
and the sufferings of Our peoples,
and we ask your forgiveness.
We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures*

*Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus
to reconcile the world to you.
We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you
love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.*

*Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better
future for our Nation.
Teach us to respect all cultures.
Teach us to care for our land and waters.
Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to bring about spiritual and
social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially
the disadvantaged.
Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.*

*May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families,
our communities and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

“The pain and shame of our history”

We commenced our time together yesterday with an act of worship in the presence of almighty God under whose judgment we stand in our gathering as the members of this 17th

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General Synod. Our worship took us to the place of lamentation for our failures. It called us to own our personal responsibility in walking the redemptive path of restoration and healing for all that has been harmed by human sin and all whose lives continue to be affected by this failure. It also called us to a corporate responsibility for harm that has happened in the Church's name.

This synod has many matters before it but none can be more urgent than the three measures on our agenda concerning child protection and our response to survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The Child Protection Bill sets in place consistent and high standards for child safety in our church for all children who are part of our life and activity. Redress Bill enables us to participate in the Commonwealth Redress Scheme for people who have experienced child sexual abuse in the church and within our institutions. The Episcopal Standards Bill widens the scope and rigour of accountability for the members of the House of Bishops in the area of their responsibility for child safety. Taken together they are brought to you by the Standing Committee of the 16th General Synod as coherent measures to respond to the failures that have been exposed by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Let us make our own the apology to the survivors of child sexual abuse that was given by the General Synod in 2004 and most recently by the General Secretary of the General Synod Office at the Royal Commission Public Hearing in March of this year. The General Synod apology is salutary:

That this General Synod and we as members of it acknowledge with deep regret and repentance the past failings of the Church and its members. On behalf of the whole Anglican Church in this country we apologise unreservedly to those who have been harmed by sexual abuse perpetrated by people holding positions of power and trust in the Church. We apologise for the shameful way we actively worked against and discouraged those who came to us and reported abuse. We are ashamed to acknowledge that we only took notice when the survivors of abuse became a threat to us. We apologise and ask forgiveness for the Church's failure at many levels to listen to and acknowledge the plight of those who have been abused, to take adequate steps to assist them, and to prevent abuse from happening or recurring. We commit the Church to listen to survivors of abuse to respond with compassion to all those who have been harmed, both to those who have come forward and to those who may choose to do so in the future, and to deal appropriately, transparently and fairly with those accused of abuse and negligence.

(Moved by Bishop John Harrower - 4 October 2014)

Lamentation is a proper response to the pain and shame of our failures. Whether in Jeremiah, Lamentations, Job or the Book of Psalms, a similar emotional and devotional sequence from predicament to hope is evidenced. Central to Biblical lamentation is the conviction that God is trustworthy and faithful, showing mercy in the deliverance of Israel from oppression, and is the God who shows the divine purpose in human history. True to his self-revealing character, God is true to his word, a word that has all the power necessary to accomplish God's promise. The passion narrative gathers up, in the words of our Saviour, the whole salvation history of Israel as a new beginning is inaugurated for the whole creation.

Developing the theological tradition of lament will give us a different perspective. For many in cultures like ours, radical personal autonomy is highly valued. This enshrines high individualism and low commitment to a responsibility for things that go beyond the immediate and the personal. It is no wonder that confidence in many aspects of how we organise society, from politics to institutions, are at an all-time low. Without a sense of our involvement in something bigger, and the responsibilities that this participation carries, assumed virtues like the common good seem alien or antiquated. Lament takes us from this restricted sense of self

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to a larger one that is framed by the great moments of salvation history; creation, redemption and the consummation of all things in Christ.

Lamentation, rightly understood, brings us to the place where we own the responsibility of the Church for all of our history, the true history, in both its positive and negative impacts. It is in this way, by truth telling and standing under the judgement of God, that we learn together and can find ways of still celebrating the good as we continue to right the harm of the evil. St John's Gospel is very clear about the liberating power of truth – in fact John 8.32 “The truth will set you free”, is the motto of the Anglican Communion.

As unfamiliar as it is in a world imagined as only the consequence of human ingenuity we are continually confronted by the enormity of human sin. You undoubtedly know how this develops – in the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer it is a corruption of real and effective spiritual power into a shadowy and ineffective version of the real thing. It is he says, ineffective grace, ‘without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.’ Such a world is the area of our torment as we are locked us into a world where humanity – in all of its greatness as well as its failings - becomes magnified to be all that there is to reality. No wonder this hellish state does not nurture the soul or feed our need for hope, no wonder that there is so much despair in the world.

It is truly a lamentable state of affairs. Without the God's redeeming love in Christ we are captured in a cruel space without the hope of salvation. Lamentation is our proper response. It is a path that we walk knowing the truth of our personal and corporate failure, the reality of God's judgement and the deliverance that is freely given in Christ.

RECONCILIATION

A continuing lamentable state of affairs is the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in our nation. The statistics of disadvantage are well known, as is the difficulty many Australians have in embracing the moral responsibility for dispossession and its social and spiritual effects.

The long-awaited final report of the Referendum Council appointed to advise the Prime Minister was delivered on 30 June 2017. This was the latest stage in a process that dates at least from the failure of the 1999 referendum. That asked two questions, both rejected: one on the republic and the other on a preamble to the Constitution. The proposed preamble included the words, ‘Honouring Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, the nation's first people, for their deep kinship with their lands and for the ancient and continuing cultures which enrich the life of our country’. After the 2010 election, Prime Minister Julia Gillard promised a referendum on constitutional recognition for Indigenous people before the 2013 election, but this did not take place. Tony Abbott took to the 2013 election, which he won, a commitment to release a draft proposal for constitutional change within a year of taking office, but once again matters became bogged down. The highly symbolic date of 27 May 2017, the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum that gave the Commonwealth powers to make laws that were specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, was another missed opportunity.

The ‘Uluru Statement from the Heart’ has confirmed that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people want any constitutional change to confer on the Commonwealth real ‘agreement-making’ powers with the First Nations people of Australia. This is controversial and will need strong bipartisan commitment to gain the public's confidence. The recent experience of the way the plebiscite about same-sex marriage became a wedge rather than a unifying issue does not fill me with confidence that our politicians can unite over constitutional recognition. Even so, it is essential that any apparent difficulties are not permitted to allow this important reform to drift indefinitely.

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The 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' contains its own powerful words of lament. I was deeply moved by this paragraph, "Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not innately a criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future."

In the times of deepest trouble and where their faith was most tested our Christian brothers and sisters have always praised God. Whether in prison (Acts 16.25) or on their way to death in the cruel spectacles of the ancient world or in our present day, the disciples of Jesus Christ have joined with the community of all believers in singing 'psalms and hymns and spiritual songs' (Ephesians 5.19). I pay tribute to the members of NATSIAC who are amongst us at this General Synod and to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans across the country. Their faithfulness in the face of many discouragements is a powerful witness of hope that comes from faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

A theology of lament also links us better to the times and people whose lives and discipleship offer us the example of 'the race that has been run with perseverance' (after Hebrews 12.1).

We build our own lives as Christians on the life and witness of all those who in their day and circumstances shared and lived our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Since the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse was established in 2013 the Anglican Church of Australia has been involved in its work in many ways. We have engaged with the Royal Commission's work at both practical and spiritual levels. I am grateful for the continued work of the Royal Commission and its officers. Like me you have no doubt been appalled by the stories of abuse and the process failure that has so often followed. I continue to be impressed by the courage of all who have come forward to speak. Our Christian faith acknowledges that, in life, the good and the bad are mixed together. Our faith calls us to look to a future where the pain of this life is gathered through the redemptive work of Christ and transformed to wholeness. Meanwhile we need to be attentive to the opportunities for improving our own practice and especially our response to any who have suffered through the misconduct of clergy or church workers. My prayers are with all those who have suffered from abuse, wherever it has occurred.

The Commission has already made a number of important recommendations to Government. We have discussed these recommendations at a range of forums and have been well served by our Royal Commission Working Group under the able and dedicated leadership of MR Garth Blake, SC. We have a responsibility to act, to review and to improve.

EUTHANASIA

Euthanasia – or assisted dying, as its advocates prefer to call it – has again been hotly debated around Australia. I recognise that among us there are those who hold passionate alternate views. The right to choose has dominated ethical discussion in the West in the past 50 years, and in general free choice is a good thing for us. But not, I believe, in the choice to shorten our life.

Christians should not fear death, but we may well fear the process of dying, which involves pain, vulnerability and humiliation over a long period. So I understand and acknowledge that. But I cannot in good conscience support the state intervening to end lives via assisted suicide. My reasons for this take more time to set out than is possible here. I set them out in summary in July when I joined six other Melbourne bishops in writing an open letter to the Premier of

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Victoria, Mr Daniel Andrews, about our concerns for proposed legislation in the Victorian Parliament.

We pointed out that human dignity is honoured in living life, not in taking it. It is right to seek to eliminate pain, but the ethical decisions in this desire always fall under the proscription of the sixth Commandment, "you shall not murder". Euthanasia and assisted suicide risk abandoning those who are in greatest need, who deserve our care and support.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change remains one of the most urgent and intransigent issues facing the church and, indeed, the world. Australia, one of the highest per capita carbon-emitters, is already affected. We've seen double the amount of record hot days over the past 50 years, an increase in the frequency and intensity of weather events, a rising sea level and further danger to our fragile coral reef and marine eco-systems. The short political cycle works against an intelligent long-term approach. At every international meeting of Anglicans that I have attended, climate change is cited as a great evil whether from Sudan or Bangladesh or the Pacific. Two years ago I joined South African Primate Thabo Makgoba in publishing an opinion article in the Age and Sydney Morning Herald challenging the world's political leaders before the Paris climate accord. I also joined other Australian religious leaders in pleading with the Government to commit to stronger cuts in carbon emissions.

The Christian position here is clear: we have a moral imperative to care for all of God's creation and the most vulnerable. In response to God's gift of life, we must act to protect our earth, our environment and our fellow humans. Climate change is also a social concern and a justice concern, as well as a political and economic concern.

REFUGEES

Refugee policy is another area about which many politicians would like the churches to remain silent. But it should be a matter of conscience for all Australians that we have kept asylum-seekers in deliberately callous conditions. Here many of them have suffered trauma and stress, especially defenceless children.

I am deeply concerned about the recent announcement by the Immigration Minister that welfare services will be cut to around 100 asylum seekers who were brought here for medical treatment, apparently in an effort to force them back into processing centres on Manus Island or Nauru. This is just the latest in a series of decisions to place vulnerable people in even more exposed conditions.

Of course, it is the responsibility of governments to control national borders. But as Christians – or simply as people – our most urgent response must come from our common humanity and empathy. It is tragic for these vulnerable people that political parties have hardened refugee resettlement policy and tragic for these few people to be treated in this way.

As with climate change, the political debate and economic factors have allowed ethical questions to go unasked, let alone answered. For example, Australia and other nations often admit wealthy immigrants without asking how they acquired their wealth – provided they don't come by boat!

Anglican churches do a huge amount at the grassroots level to help and care for refugees, and I am grateful for that. How much better for us to decide these matters based on a compassion that arises from our shared humanity? We do well to remember St Paul's exhortation in the Bible, 'not to grow weary of doing good'.

POVERTY IN AUSTRALIA

2.5 million Australians live in poverty, and around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor. In Australia, a quarter of those in poverty, or more than 600,000, are children. Let those numbers sink in. In a country as prosperous as ours, almost 15% of our population are facing financial stress just trying to survive.

The implications of this are more than simply not having enough money. According to the research, those experiencing poverty are locked out of the choices and opportunities afforded to others in our society. For these people, poverty means insecurity, powerlessness, exclusion, and susceptibility to violence. For many it means little exposure to the ministry of the church and the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

I am thankful to our Anglican Agencies, represented through Anglicare Australia, and our parishes.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Even though the matter is before the High Court of Australia this week, it is likely that Australians will soon be given the opportunity to vote on changing Australia's marriage law to include same-sex marriage. I have encouraged all Anglicans to exercise their democratic right and to participate in the postal plebiscite. Although not legally binding, I believe that Parliament will be better informed about Australians' views by this means.

Anglicans, like other Australians, have a wide range of opinions on same-sex marriage, supporting or opposing it for a variety of reasons in accordance with their conscience and their understanding of the principles and issues. I do not presume to advise others how they should vote, though I myself intend to vote "no".

I think Anglicans are capable of a respectful discussion without vilifying our opponents and respecting that each side's position can be principled and considered. Kindness in our speech should be the hallmark of our engagement in difficult issues. For me, the most disturbing part of the recent discussion has been the assumption that Australians are incapable of discussing this matter with civility. It is unfortunate that this rhetoric, that we are well accustomed to in party political debate, has been applied to a large part of the electorate who reasonably expected to share a direct role in the decision. Stereotyping public opinion ahead of an argument being advanced is divisive and destructive of public discourse.

If same-sex marriage becomes law, the Church will of course need to accept that it is part of the landscape. Politicians on all sides have affirmed that we can still stand for and offer holy matrimony between a man and a woman as a sacred ordinance given by God, while accepting that the state has endorsed a wider view of marriage. The doctrine of the Book of Common Prayer remains unchanged, that marriage is between a man and a woman, under God, forsaking all others until death parts them. I do not believe that the Anglican Church in Australia is likely to revise its doctrine of marriage.

The Church also understands the desire of two people to express their commitment of love and self-sacrifice to each other. Christians have not always shown the respect or perspective they should. It is undeniably true that LGBTI people have felt judged and rejected, even ostracised, inside the Church and that we have to about pastoral sensitivity.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence is an evil that is too often hidden, and to our shame it is hidden also in church families. There have been suggestions in the media that Christian teaching can

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exacerbate the likelihood of violence, but there is no Christian teaching that endorses or supports domestic violence. Earlier this year, I appeared on ABC TV's The Drum and read out an apology by the Rev'd Daryl McCullough, parish priest at West Wyalong in Bathurst Diocese. He wrote: "As a priest in the Church of God, I am truly and deeply sorry if you or anyone you love has been the victim of abuse and found the church complicit in making that abuse worse. If you are one of my parishioners, know that I will listen, I will believe you and I will not dismiss you. I will do everything I can to support you and I will never tell you to just go home and put up with it." I fully endorse these remarks and would like those remarks to represent all of us. Motions on our business paper address this traumatic and tragic issue.

OUR GENERAL SYNOD 2017

Preparations for this 17th General Synod 52nd Synod began in November 2015 with the selection of our meeting venue. The General Synod Standing Committee scheduled an addition meeting in February this year to settle the legislative agenda and appointed the Executive Committee of Standing Committee to oversee the synod arrangements.

At this point I need to comment on a procedural matter that means we will be asked to admit onto the agenda the redress measure by a 75% majority in each of the three houses. When the General Synod Standing Committee met in May 2017 it was confident it could finalise legislation by the usual circular resolution procedure. 75% approval is needed to pass a resolution and the absence of some members overseas meant this was not reached. At this General Synod you will be asked to support a bill to amend Rule II to revise the Standing Committee's circular resolution process to provide a more reliable process in the future. I urge synod members to support the motion to bring the Redress Bill onto our agenda.

Along with Archbishops Aspinall and Davies and at the time Archbishop-elect Smith and other senior leaders, I participated in the Royal Commission's Public Hearing into Case Study 52 – the 'wrap up' hearing relating to the Anglican Church. The Commissioners questioned several panels about a wide range of the church's life and work. This included current policies and procedures in relation to child protection, cultural factors that may have contributed to the occurrence of child sexual abuse at Anglican institutions, and the response of the Anglican Church authorities. A number of members of this General Synod contributed as panel members as well as others who had expert knowledge in their area.

The Commissioners were very clear in stressing the community expectation that we must achieve uniform and consistent national standards of child safety throughout the diversity of our church and related organisations. I made the commitment that this would be addressed in legislation at this General Synod and several important matters are on our agenda as we meet over the next days.

I thank the Metropolitans for hosting provincial meetings in preparation for General Synod. Meetings were held in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane in July and August, involving more than 140 members of this General Synod along with other members of diocesan leadership. An extra Bishops' meeting was held on 23 August to allow discussion of any points of difference. I hope we are now well informed about the three important responses that we need to make in the areas of child safety, redress and episcopal standards.

There are a number of important motions on the notice paper and undoubtedly others to be added in the call for notices of motion. Please familiarise yourself with the Standing Orders and give some space for us all to grow in familiarity as we settle into, what are for many, new meeting rules. As you might expect the range of Synod motions reflects a variety of topical issues in our national conversation as well as those that are more relevant to the internal life of the church. Respectful debate which hears and understands the diversity of views that other synod members hold is both the aim of our Standing Orders and the lived history of

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earlier synods. I encourage each of us to appropriately express our views on the many matters before us, but also to listen attentively to those views that are not our own. In my experience that always offers an opportunity for learning.

THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF MODERN AUSTRALIA

One hundred years ago more people lived in rural and remote Australia than lived in our capital cities. In 2017 the situation has vastly changed, as you all know.

The rural dioceses in the Anglican Church of Australia largely reflect Australia's demographic patterns of a century ago. Over this period, and particularly in the last 50 years, rural and regional Australia has changed significantly, largely driven by economics, water policies, climate change and technology. Farms are significantly bigger, the rural workforce has declined and many towns and small communities across rural and regional Australia are in decline. Populations in mining towns have come and gone.

We are just about the most urbanised country in the world. Some 82% of Australia's population lives in major metropolitan regions and within 50kms of the coast.

The population decline in many parts of rural and regional Australia is impacting significantly on the Church and particularly the Anglican Church which for over 200 years has built a presence right across this land.

The recent Census has shown that Anglicans now make up 13% of the population whereas in 1966 we were 34%. This decline is reflected in many rural and regional churches and congregations and presents significant challenges to dioceses. Less than half of these rural churches are served by full time ministry. Many rural dioceses are finding it increasingly difficult to sustain stipendiary ministry and to serve their present congregations.

While some regional cities are growing much of this growth is from people moving from outlying rural areas.

Rural and regional ministry has always faced challenges from the tyranny of distance, the availability of clergy and the lack of resources. Now, population decline has vastly increased that challenge and for the first time in over a century the continued ministry presence in many rural areas is under question.

The other side of this population equation has been the growth of our biggest urban centres. In the decade between June 2006 and June 2016 the number of people living in Australia's capital cities has risen by 2.9 million people. Brisbane and Perth grew by about a half a million and Sydney and Melbourne by more than three quarters of a million people. In percentage terms this is over 25% growth across our major centres of population. I think that it is evident that this growth has stretched each diocese where it has occurred and means that planting churches in these growing communities remains a very high priority. I am grateful for the General Synod Ministry Commission for facilitating a conversation between church planters in Melbourne during 2016. We need a vision for ministry to our cities as well as the physical and human resources to complete it.

CONCLUSION

There are many things that I have spoken about in this address that give no cause for pride or satisfaction. Indeed, I suggested lament as the appropriate response to our failure to protect children. I encouraged you to frame your response to a range of issues in the shape of this ancient response to the dual realities of human failure and God's sovereignty and providence. John 16.20 tells us that our lamentation will often be at odds with the world, with its desire to

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get on and not look at the hard and contradictory facts of our human existence. "You will weep and mourn but the world will rejoice." Let us spend the time to hold these painful realities closely in our attention, to hold our lamentation before the Lord Jesus Christ who is the measure of all things. And holding lament in commitment to journey on, we trust in the Lord's hands alone for pain to be resolved and joy to emerge in its place. Our Saviour's journey through the desolation of the cross and the tomb are sure signs that this is no light thing. As hard and troubling as the journey is we are always held in the truth of Resurrection as we await the coming of the new heavens and new earth where there is 'no more death or crying or pain' (Revelation 21.4). This is our hope, this is our future. May we walk towards it together in these next days at Maroochydhore.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus.

+Philip

EPISCOPAL INFORMATION

1. Consecrations since the conclusion of the 16th General Synod, 3 July 2014:

a) Diocesan (4)

15 August 2014 - Robert Gillion (Riverina)
2 September 2014 - David Robinson (Rockhampton)
29 November 2014 - Gregory Anderson (Northern Territory)
19 March 2016 - Richard Condie (Tasmania)

b) Assistant (9)

6 August 2014 - Jeremy James (Perth)
11 April 2015 - Chris McLeod (Adelaide/Aboriginal)
30 May 2015 - Peter Lin (Sydney)
13 June 2015 - Matt Brain (Canberra-Goulburn)
6 August 2015 - Kate Wilmot (Perth)
5 December 2015 - Michael Stead (Sydney)
30 April 2016 - Bradly Billings (Melbourne)
12 November 2016 - Paul Barker (Melbourne)
24 February 2017 - Jeremy Greaves (Brisbane)

13 consecrations in total

2. Vale - Bishops who have died since the conclusion of the 16th General Synod, 3 July 2014:

a) Diocesan (4)

16 November 2014 - Arthur Stanley Goldsworthy (Bunbury 1977-1983)
28 July 2015 - Barry Russell Hunter (Riverina 1971-1992)
22 December 2015 - Hurtle John Lewis (North Queensland 1971-1996)
10 January 2017 - Gerald Bruce Muston (North West Australia 1981-1992; Assistant in Melbourne 1971-1981)

b) Assistant (6)

19 October 2014 - Kenneth Herbert Short (Sydney/ADF 1975-1989)
15 February 2015 - Barbara Brinsley Darling (Melbourne 2008-2015)
November 2015 - Rhynold Ewaruba Sanana (New Guinea 1976)*
2 January 2016 - John Robert Reid (Sydney 1972-1993)
12 May 2017 - Saibo Mabo (North Queensland/Torres Strait 2002-2017)
4 July 2017 - Robert Leopold Butterss (Melbourne 1985-1994)

*I count +Rhynold because at the time of his consecration (9 May 1976) as an Assistant Bishop, the Diocese of New Guinea was still part of the Ecclesiastical Province of Queensland, and not yet the independent Anglican Church of PNG (divided into separate dioceses, including Dogura, of which +Rhynold subsequently became diocesan).

DOCUMENTS TABLED

1. DOCUMENTS LAID ON THE TABLE BY THE PRESIDENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 7(d)

- (1) **A list of Special Bills which the President has declared to be Canons under Section 28(3)(iii) of the Constitution since the last session of General Synod**
There is no Special Bill in this category.
- (2) **A list of Special Bills which have not been assented to by every diocesan synod together with the reports and recommendations received from such synods**
There is no Special Bill in this category.
- (3) **A list of Canons the President has declared to be in force following upon a reference of any question to the Appellate Tribunal under Section 29 of the Constitution**
There is no Canon in this category
- (4) **A list of Canons in which the Appellate Tribunal has found inconsistency or breach of Section 28**
There is no Canon in this category
- (5) **A list of Canons duly passed by the Synod together with the date appointed by the President upon which the said Canons came into force under Section 30 of the Constitution**

Canon 1, 2014

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council Canon 2014
1 January 2015

Canon 2, 2014

A Canon to amend the Financial Protection Canon 1995
4 July 2014

Canon 3, 2014

A Canon to amend the Special Tribunal Canon 2007
30 June 2014

Canon 8, 2014

A Canon to amend s52 of the Special Tribunal Canon 2007
4 July 2014

Canon 9, 2014

A Canon to amend the National Register Canon 2007
1 July 2014

Canon 10, 2014

A Canon to amend the Primate Canon 1985

1 July 2014

A list of Canons amending the Constitution which have come into effect in the period since the Sixteenth Session of the General Synod

Canon 12, 2010

A Canon to amend the Constitution (s28A)

1 July 2014

Canon 1, 2010

A Canon to amend the Constitution (s75)

1 March 2016

(6) Notifications and advice from dioceses under Section 30(c) of the Constitution

No notifications under Section 30(c) have been received since the conclusion of the Sixteenth Session of the Synod.

(7) Amendment sheet prepared by the Secretaries of Synod under Standing Order 42A(a).

2. DOCUMENTS TABLED BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 7(i)

Reports, Accounts and Motions Connected Therewith

1. Standing Committee of General Synod Reports

- Membership of the Standing Committee of General Synod and its Committees
- Implementation of Substantive Resolutions of the Sixteenth Session of General Synod 2014
- Summary of Business of the Standing Committee from November 2014 to March 2017
- Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation
- Appellate Tribunal
- Special Tribunal
- National Register
- Financial Protection Canon 1995
- General Synod Legislation
- Anglican Communion Covenant
- Changes in the Episcopate since the Sixteenth General Synod

Financial Report

- General Synod Financial Performance 2014-2016
- General Synod Budget for 2017
- General Synod Budget 2018 and Forecasts 2019-2020

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2. Bills for Canons circulated in accordance with Section 27(1)(i) of the Constitution

Bill 01	A Bill for the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Qualification) Canon 2017
Bill 02	A Bill for the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Reserve List) Canon 2017
Bill 03	A Bill for the Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017
Bill 04	A Bill for the Special Tribunal Amendment Canon 2017
Bill 05	A Bill for the Special Tribunal (Limitation Period) Canon 2017
Bill 06	A Bill for the Long Service Leave (Revision of Entitlement) Canon 2017
Bill 07	A Bill for the Long Service Leave (Notification Of Participating Organisation) Canon 2017
Bill 08	A Bill for a Canon to Ratify the Amended New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution
Bill 09	A Bill for the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017
Bill 10	A Bill for the Canon Concerning Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017
Bill 10A	A Bill for the Canon Concerning Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017
Bill 10B	A Bill for the Canon Concerning Confessions (Vulnerable Persons) Canon 2017
Bill 11	A Bill for the Canon Concerning Services Amendment Canon 2017
Bill 12	A Bill for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council Amendment Canon 2017
Bill 13	A Bill for Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Amendment Canon 2017
Bill 14	A Bill for the Missionary Dioceses (Amendment) Canon 2017
Bill 15	A Bill for a Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017
Bill 16	A Bill for a Disclosure of Information Canon 2017
Bill 17	A Bill for the National Register Amendment Canon 2017
Bill 18	A Bill for the National Register (Access to and Disclosure of Information) Amendment Protocol 2017
Bill 19	A Bill for the National Register (Inclusion of Information) Amendment Protocol 2017
Bill 20	A Bill for the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017

- Bill 21** A Bill for the Constitution (Jurisdiction of Special Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017
- Bill 22** A Bill for the Offences Amendment Canon 2017
- Bill** An Alternative Bill for the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017
- Bill** An Alternative Bill for the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017
- Bill** A Bill for the Episcopal Standards (Transitional Provisions, Consequential Amendments and Repeal) Canon 2017
- Bill** A Bill for the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Amendment No. 1 Canon 2017
- Bill** A Bill for the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Amendment No. 2 Canon 2017

3. Bills for Rules

- Bill R01** A Rule to Amend Rule I – Standing Orders (Formal Motions)
- Bill R02** A Rule to Amend Rule III – Rules for the Conduct of Elections to be made by Standing Committee
- Bill R03** A Rule to Amend Rule II – Standing Committee of General Synod
- Bill R04** A Rule to Amend Rule I – Standing Orders (Electronic Voting)

4. Reports of Commissions

- Church Law Commission
- Doctrine Commission
- Ecumenical Relations Commission
- Liturgy Commission
- Ministry Commission
- Professional Standards Commission
- Public Affairs Commission

5. Reports of Task Forces and Working Groups

- Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force
- Royal Commission Working Group
- Refugee and Migrant Working Group

6. Reports of General Synod Bodies

- Anglican Board of Mission – Australia
- Australian College of Theology
- Broughton Publishing
- Defence Force Board
- Long Service Leave Board
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council
- The National Home Mission Fund

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7. Reports of Networks

- Anglicare Australia
- Australian Anglican Diaconal Association
- Anglican Schools Australia
- National Network of Professional Standards Directors

8. Reports of Other Groups

- Anglican Cursillo Movement of Australia
- Australian Mothers Union Australia
- Bush Church Aid Society
- Mission to Seafarers
- SparkLit

9. Reports concerning the Anglican Communion

- Anglican Consultative Council

10. Reports required of the Protection of the Environment Canon 2007

Reports from the Diocese of:

- Brisbane
- Canberra and Goulburn
- Newcastle
- Northern Territory
- Perth
- Tasmania
- Wangaratta

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The following questions were asked and answers were provided by the President pursuant to Standing Orders 7(f) and 9.

Q01/17 GENERAL SYNOD BODIES CHAIRED BY WOMEN

Dr Leanne Beagley asked:

Whilst I welcome the report on the representation of women across the total 27 General Synod bodies, and note with disappointment that only 3 such committees have equal representation of women I ask:

How many of these committees are chaired by women?

The President gave the following answer:

Of the 27 General Synod bodies referred to in the report on the representation of women in Standing Committee's Report to the General Synod, only one body is chaired by a woman. Justice Debra Mullins is Chair of the Church Law Commission.

Q02/17 APPELLATE TRIBUNAL

The Rev'd James Warren asked:

1. Have there been any references to the Appellate Tribunal since their report which appears in Synod papers?
2. If there have been references what questions have been referred and who requested the Primate to make the referrals?

The President gave the following answer:

Three references have been made to the Appellate Tribunal since the publication of the Appellate Tribunal report in Book 2 of the General Synod business papers.

The first was requested by Justice Peter Young, Chancellor of the Diocese of Newcastle, concerning the membership or not of bishop administrators in the House of Bishops. This has been answered and published on the General Synod website.

The second was requested from the Diocese of Newcastle Standing Committee concerning the Affiliated Churches Ordinance of the Diocese of Sydney. This reference had the status of a reference from a Diocesan Synod under section 63 (1) of the Constitution.

The third was requested by the bishops of Bendigo, Bunbury, Gippsland, North Queensland and Willochra in response to the participation of members of the House of Bishops in an episcopal ordination in a church that is not a member of the Anglican Communion.

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The text of the questions raised in the second and third matters has been circulated to all Diocesan Bishops, Chancellors and Registrars.

Q03/17 DOCTRINE COMMISSION

Mr Richard Turnbull asked:

Does the Constitution recognise that at any point in the life of this Church, it is possible that the members of the Appellate Tribunal and similarly the members of the House of Bishops may not have a unanimous view about the teaching of this Church on any question of faith?

The President gave the following answer:

The Constitution provides that the Appellate Tribunal may make a determination by the majority of its members and bishops, at their consecration or installation as the bishop of a diocese, make the following oath:

"I..... firmly and sincerely believe the Catholic Faith and I give my assent to the doctrine of The Anglican Church of Australia as expressed in the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons and the Articles of Religion, as acknowledged in section 4 of the Constitution, and I believe that doctrine to be agreeable to the word of God.

I declare my assent to the Fundamental Declarations of The Anglican Church of Australia as set out in sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Constitution.

In public prayer and administration of the sacraments I will use the form prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer or a form authorised by lawful authority and none other."

[Section 5, Oaths Affirmations Declarations and Assents Canon 1992]

Q04/17 FINANCE

Mr Tim McGhie asked:

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?

The President gave the following answer:

- a) 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.

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- b) 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) The pattern of the ASIC consultation process was very similar to the APRA process noted above, with consultations taking place in 2013.
- d) 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) 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) Over the three year period DFATF consulted with diocesan administration and Anglican Development Funds in developing its submissions to ASIC

Q05/17 LONG SERVICE LEAVE FUND

Mr Tim McGhie asked:

The Committee's report, at page 2-046 refers to disallowing a regulation made by the Long Service Leave Fund:

- a) What was the nature of this regulation?
- b) What was the basis for disallowing this regulation?
- c) What are the implications resulting from the disallowance of this regulation?

The President gave the following answer:

- a) At its meeting in November 2016 the Standing Committee disallowed a regulation made by the Long Service Leave Board. The regulation made by the Board established the new category of participant in the Long Service Leave Fund. The new class of eligible participant being *"the ordained, unlicensed, pastoral class of people" who are:*
 - a. *employed by a participating diocese or participating organization, and*
 - b. *ordained, and*
 - c. *engaged in pastoral duties, and*
 - d. *not licenced by a bishop of a diocese.'*
- b) Standing Committee resolved to disallow the regulation following discussion on the definition of the class of participant.
- c) Section 9(6) of the Long Service Leave Board provides that the disallowance does not invalidate or affect anything done or contracted to be done under a rule or regulation before its disallowance.

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Q06/17 ELECTRONIC VOTING DEVICES

Mr Malcolm Purvis asked:

Were all the electronic voting devices collected at the end of the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions of Synod?

The President gave the following answer:

Yes

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**RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF
GENERAL SYNOD**

Set out below are resolutions of the Seventeenth Session of General Synod.

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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ISSUES	
R23/17	Domestic Violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities The Rev'd Canon Bruce Boase, Ms Rose Elu seconding The General Synod recognises and shares the deep concern of NATSIAC members regarding the rate of domestic and family violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and: - Calls upon the government both federal and state to continue to invest in educational and family support programs; - Calls upon the Anglican Church of Australia to facilitate a national response through greater education among clergy and church workers with regard to domestic and family violence; and, - Calls upon dioceses to develop domestic violence policies, with advice for good pastoral practice, consistent with Faithfulness in Service, and in consultation with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. 4 September 2017
R24/17	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Issues The Rev'd Canon Bruce Boase, Ms Rose Elu seconding The General Synod recognises and shares the deep concern of NATSIAC members in regard to: - The appalling number of youth suicides in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; ten times higher than the wider Australian community and notes that suicides touch 95% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. - This Synod calls upon the government, both state and federal, to investigate the causes of these horrific statistics, and requests appropriate continuing funding to finance functional programs in consultation and negotiation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; - The sad and undeniable facts concerning the disproportionate rate of incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in gaols and detention centres all over Australia. - This Synod strongly urges all governments, federal and state to end mandatory sentencing and to actively investigate and examine 'best practice' from other jurisdictions, utilise resources such as diversionary programs and changes to policies that would seek to have gaol as the last resort. 4 September 2017

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R28/17	First Nation's Voice Dr Carolyn Tan sought the leave of Synod to move the motion in an amended form. Leave was granted. Dr Carolyn Tan moving, The Very Rev'd Peter Catt seconding The General Synod: 1. Supports the recommendation of the Referendum Council for a constitutionally-entrenched First Nations' Voice to the Commonwealth Parliament; 2. Encourages the governments in Australia to seek to negotiate in good faith with First Nations' Peoples towards treaties or other similar forms of agreement; 3. Requests the General Secretary to convey this resolution to the Prime Minister, State Premiers, and Leaders of the Opposition; 4. Requests the Public Affairs Commission in consultation with NATSIAC to prepare resources, including summaries and theological reflections for use by Anglican parishes, schools and organisations, on the Referendum Council Report on any subsequent referendum questions and on the progress of treaty or similar negotiations. 5 September 2017
R29/17	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Issues Ms Rose Elu moving, The Rev'd Canon Bruce Boase seconding The General Synod: • Acknowledges that NATSIAC, as the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans in Australia, is committed to the preservation of God's creation; and a) joins with NATSIAC in recognising the implications of Climate Change upon the entire nation, its land, sea and waters but especially in the Torres Strait; and b) forwards the findings and recommendations of the Symposium on Indigenous Perspectives on Climate Change held in Darwin 2016 to the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, State Premiers, and relevant ministers. • Acknowledges that NATSIAC has been expressing concern over the use of fracking on traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands for many years, and joins with NATSIAC in condemning practices which seek to pressure elders to submit their traditional homelands and waterways to fracking and other practices that risk destroying hunting and fishing grounds and areas of major cultural significance. 5 September 2017

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ANGLICAN COMMUNION	
R51/17	Scottish Episcopal Church The Very Rev'd Kanishka Raffel moving, The Venerable David Bassett seconding The General Synod: a) notes with regret that the Scottish Episcopal Church has amended their Canon on Marriage to change the definition that marriage is between a man and a woman by adding a new section that allows clergy to solemnise marriage between same-sex couples as well as couples of the opposite sex; b) notes with regret that this step is contrary to the doctrine of our Church and the teaching of Christ that, in marriage, "a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh" (Matt 19:6), and c) expresses our support for those Anglicans who have left or will need to leave the Scottish Episcopal Church because of its redefinition of marriage and those who struggle and remain; and d) prays that the Scottish Episcopal Church will return to the doctrine of Christ in this matter and that impaired relationships will be restored. 7 September 2017

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APPRECIATION	
R35/17	Bishop Greg Thompson Bishop Peter Stuart moving, Ms Sue Williams seconding This General Synod gives thanks to Almighty God for the courageous ministry and prophetic leadership by the 13th Bishop of Newcastle The Right Rev'd Gregory Thompson in calling the Church and especially the Diocese of Newcastle to face their past about child sexual abuse and shape a healthy future in responses to Christ's call to protect, esteem and nurture children and vulnerable people. Further this General Synod requests the Primate to convey these sentiments to Bishop Thompson. 5 September 2017
R68/17	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; 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

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	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
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	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. 8 September 2017
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R69/17	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. 8 September 2017
R70/17	Bishop Andrew Curnow AM Bishop Robert Forsyth moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding 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. 8 September 2017
R71/17	Bishop Allan Ewing Bishop Kate Wilmot sought the leave of Synod to bring a Motion without Notice. Leave was so granted. Bishop Kate Wilmot moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding 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. 8 September 2017

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R72/17	Retiring Members of General Synod Bishop Michael Stead sought the leave of Synod to move a motion of appreciation without notice: Leave was so granted. Bishop Michael Stead moving, Bishop Robert Forsyth seconding 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: Dr Baden Teague – Adelaide Bishop Ian Palmer – Bathurst Bishop Andrew Curnow AM - Bendigo Bishop Alison Taylor - Brisbane Bunbury Bishop Allan Ewing Mr Harold Luxton Bishop Jeffrey Driver - Doctrine Commission Bishop Sarah Macneil - Grafton 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 the Standing Committee Bishop Bill Ray - North Queensland Sydney Bishop Robert Forsyth Mr Geoff Kyngdon Archbishop Glenn Davies Bishop John Parkes AM - Wangaratta Ms Ruth Robinson - Willochra 8 September 2017
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DOCTRINE	
R44/17	Proclamation of the Gospel Dr Barry Newman moving, The Rev'd Gavin Parsons seconding The General Synod: while abhorring oppression, abuse, cruelty, victimisation and all forms of violence and injustice, and while strongly supporting efforts to deal with such violence and injustice, and while affirming its deep concern for the poor, the homeless, the lonely, the ill and all who suffer, and while strongly supporting efforts to alleviate such suffering, also asserts its belief that God loved the world, that his righteous judgement will prevail, that he gave his Son, the Christ to suffer and die for our sins, that he raised him from the dead, that he pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people, that his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ will return in majesty and that he calls all to repent and believe in his son, and strongly supports efforts to proclaim this glorious gospel to the world. 6 September 2017
R48/17	Marriage, same-sex marriage and the blessing of same-sex relationships Bishop Michael Stead moving, The Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee seconding The General Synod: (i) recognises that the doctrine of our church, in line with traditional Christian teaching, is that marriage is an exclusive and lifelong union of a man and a woman, and further, (ii) recognises that this has been the subject of several General Synod resolutions over the past fifteen years, and also (iii) recognises that the nature of marriage is the subject of ongoing conversation within the church and wider community and that we need to listen to each other with care and respect, and (iv) acknowledges the experiences and genuine concerns of LGBTIQ+ people within the church and the community, and therefore (v) asks the Doctrine Commission to facilitate a respectful conversation in our church by means of a collection of essays on marriage and same-sex relationships that explores Scriptural and theological issues relating to: a. The doctrine of marriage expressed in the formularies of the Anglican Church of Australia b. Our current Australian context, exploring the relationship between the State's definition of marriage and the church's doctrine of marriage c. Key Old Testament and New Testament texts on sex, marriage and friendship d. Scripture and hermeneutics e. A theology of blessing f. A theology of desire g. Godly disagreement on this issue h. The case for and against same-sex marriage and/or the blessing of same-sex unions. 7 September 2017

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R57/17	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. 8 September 2017
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ECUMENICAL RELATIONS	
R27/17	Church Agencies Network Disaster Operation (CAN DO) Bishop Tim Harris moving, Bishop John Parkes AM seconding The General Synod commends the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operation (CAN DO) consortium as a significant and welcome demonstration of ecumenical collaboration, in an important area of global ministry and mission, and urges the Anglican Church of Australia to support the work of Anglican Board of Mission and Anglican Overseas Aid through CAN DO. The Rev'd John Deane, ABM, addressed the Synod by leave on this work. 5 September 2017
R40/17	World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel Ms Helen Rainger moving, Mr Phillip Davies seconding That this Synod encourages members of General Synod and those within their Dioceses to consider marking in some way the World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel, 17-24 September 2017. Synod notes that resources for liturgy and prayer are available on the World Council of Churches website. 5 September 2017
R53/17	500th Anniversary of the Reformation Bishop Tim Harris moving, The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey seconding Noting the five-hundredth anniversary in 2017 of Martin Luther's nailing 95 Theses of protest to the door of the castle church in Wittenburg on October 31, 1517, regarded by many as a significant catalyst in inaugurating protestant reformations in Europe, and recognising Lutherans as partners with Anglicans in ongoing reforming traditions that encompass a variety of denominations and expressions of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ; and further noting the resolution of ACC 16:16 that: "The Anglican Consultative Council 1. recognizes the significance of the five-hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, which will be marked in 2017; and 2. encourages Anglicans across the Communion to be a part of the commemorations by joining in shared services, undertaking study with Lutherans and other ecumenical partners, and engaging with them in mission activities; and 3. recommends that Anglicans engage with the Lutheran World Federation's focus: Liberated by God's Grace,"; The General Synod: a) gives thanks to our heavenly Father for the Reformation of the sixteenth century, b) gives thanks to Almighty God that in the grace and mercy of God, the

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	Church continues to be reformed, and seeks ever to be so, c) encourages members of the Anglican Church of Australia to join with our ecumenical partners; and especially the Lutheran Church of Australia, in commemorating this occasion, through shared worship, bible study and partnership in mission and ministry projects; d) affirms the importance of hearing God's Word in the common tongue, and the practice of regular public reading of the Holy Scriptures through authorised lectionaries; and e) affirms the regular liturgical expression of the wholesome and comforting doctrine that we are justified by faith only, by the merits and death of God's Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood; and f) recommends for study and discussion the biblical and spiritual reflections contained in <i>Liberated by God's Grace: Anglican-Lutheran Reflections</i> (LWF 2017), produced by the Anglican-Lutheran International Coordinating Committee (ALICC4).
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FINANCE	
R30/17	Finance – Treasurer’s Report Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding That the Treasurer’s report on the financial position of the General Synod at 31 December 2016 be received. 5 September 2017
R31/17	Finance – Audited Accounts at 31 December 2016 Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding That the audited financial statements of the General Synod for the year ended 31 December 2016, as adopted by Standing Committee, be received. 5 September 2017
R32/17	Finance – General Synod Budget 2017 Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding That the General Synod budget for the year ended 31 December 2017, be approved by Standing Committee, be received. 5 September 2017
R33/17	Finance – General Synod Budget 2018 Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding That the General Synod budget for the year ended 31 December 2018, as approved in principle. 5 September 2017
R34/17	Finance – General Synod Forecast 2019 - 2020 Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding That Synod receives the General Synod forecast budget for years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020. 5 September 2017
R58/17	Finance – General Synod Budget 2018 Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding That the General Synod budget for the year ended 31 December 2018, be approved. 8 September 2017
R59/17	Finance – General Synod Forecast 2019 and 2020 Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding

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	That Synod receives the General Synod forecast budget for years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020. 8 September 2017
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Note R34/17:

General Synod was informed that the General Synod forecast budget for years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020 would be recommitted with amendments.

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LITURGY	
R52/17	Liturgy Resources Bishop Garry Weatherill moving, the Rev'd Elizabeth Smith seconding The General Synod, noting the changing contexts of mission for the Anglican Church of Australia, requests the Liturgy Commission to continue to develop texts in areas including: - Supplementary seasonal, thematic and other material for use with APBA Holy Communion orders; - Supplementary services of the Word; - Supplementary orders for baptism, confirmation, marriage, funerals, commissionings and other pastoral occasions; - Supplementary prayers for various occasions; - A new liturgical psalter; - Additional prayers and liturgical resources drawing, upon consultation, more extensive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prayers, motifs and other media to reflect the indigenous culture of our nation's First Peoples. 7 September 2017

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MISSION AND MINISTRY	
R26/17	Mission to Seafarers Bishop John Stead moved, Bishop Gary Nelson seconding The General Synod: a) Receives the report of the Mission to Seafarers. b) Recognises and seeks to include the celebration of Sea Sunday annually as a way to support the ministry of the Mission to Seafarers and highlight the plight of Seafarers. c) Calls on the Federal Government to take seriously its responsibility under the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 and fully fund land based welfare for seafarers in this country. d) Respectfully requests the Primate to convey the above terms of this resolution to the Prime Minister and Federal Transport Minister. 4 September 2017
R46/17	Pioneer Ministry Bishop Stephen Pickard moving, Bishop Tim Harris seconding The General Synod: a) acknowledges that patterns of faith and belief in Australia are changing and that the Anglican Church of Australia's capacity to participate in God's mission is diminishing when too many congregations struggle with vitality and outreach; b) notes the ten-year anniversary of "Building the Mission-shaped Church" report in October 2006 and its call to build capacity for church planting and developing fresh expressions of church as strategies for mission and evangelism; c) commends dioceses for undertaking a diverse range of initiatives at revitalising parishes, planting new churches and pioneering different forms of church for people who live in a changing culture; d) recognises that the development of pioneer leaders capable of planting new churches or developing different forms of church remains problematic when little consensus about expectations for ordination and lay ministry exists nationally; e) requests that the Mission and Ministry Commission: i. convene a national network of pioneer leaders engaged in revitalisation, planting and fresh expressions to meet annually; ii. convene a national research network to foster the theology and practice of evangelism; iii. examine how community-based chaplaincy and pioneer ministry intersect to create fresh opportunities for mission in a changing society; iv. explore ways to provide for coaching and training support for lay and women pioneer leaders; and v. seek to engage the annual Bishops' Conference in discussion about mission and evangelism in a changing Australia. 6 September 2017

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R55/17	Models of Ordained Local Ministry Bishop Stephen Pickard moving, Ms Sue Williams seconding The General Synod: a) receives the report of the Ministry Commission on Ordained Local Ministry (2 May 2017) and refer it to all Dioceses; b) encourages all Dioceses to consider the recommendations of the Ordained Local Ministry report as it relates to their local context, and c) requests the Ministry Commission to explore ways to facilitate further initiatives in Ordained Local Ministry. 7 September 2017
R56/17	Clergy Professional Supervision Bishop Stephen Pickard moving, The Rev'd Dr Richard Trist seconding That in the light of the increasing challenges facing clergy and lay ministers, and the heightened demand for the accountability of church workers, the General Synod: a) recommends that every Australian diocese takes seriously the benefits of professional supervision for its clergy and paid lay workers; b) supports the development of pilot projects in supervision of clergy and lay ministers particularly in rural and regional areas; and c) requests the Ministry Commission to undertake an audit of the extent and types of supervision already occurring across the Australian church, and develop national supervision guidelines; and d) requests the Ministry Commission to consider the inclusion of Clergy Professional Supervision as an integral component of a continuing professional development framework for clergy. 7 September 2017

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS	
R37/17	UN Conference on Nuclear Disarmament Bishop Philip Huggins moving, Bishop Cameron Venables seconding That this General Synod urges our Australian Government to be a strong and positive contributor to the 2018 high level UN Conference on Nuclear Disarmament. Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and aware of current instabilities, we urge that this opportunity be taken to elevate the issue of nuclear disarmament and to build pressure on nuclear-weapon States to agree to specific nuclear disarmament proposals. 5 September 2017
R42/17	Australian Freedom Network Bishop Matt Brain moving, Bishop Stephen Pickard seconding That this General Synod: 1. Notes the establishment of the Australian Freedom Network (AFN) signed by the Primate on our behalf; 2. Commends those involved in the establishment of the Global Freedom Network of which the AFN is part; 3. Acknowledges the continuing reality of human trafficking and slavery, and laments the damage that this does to all involved as a distortion of what it means to be created in God's image; 4. Commits to personal and organisational behaviour that utilises tools such as the "Ethical Fashion Guide" and information regarding corporate supply trains to inform decisions surrounding consumption so that ethical choices can be made; and 5. Requests that the General Synod network, Anglican Schools Australia, consider how it may collaborate with the AFN to explore how Anglican Schools in Australia may be supported as they educate students to be ethical leaders in the Australian community. 6 September 2017
R49/17	Condemnation and Apology for Domestic Violence Bishop Stephen Hale sought leave that Motion 21.3 to be considered immediately after consideration of Motion 21.2. Leave was so granted. Bishop Stephen Hale moving, The Ven Kara Hartley seconding The General Synod affirms that: 1. All human beings, male and female, are created in the image of God, and are precious to him. So their value and dignity should be upheld by all, and rightly commands respect and protection. 2. In following the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, Christian relationships, families, and households are to be characterised by

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	mutual love, respect, compassion and a commitment to the wellbeing of one another. No one should feel unsafe in their own home. 3. The Bible condemns the misuse of power to control or exploit others, and rejects all abuse, whether physical, verbal, or otherwise expressed from one person towards others. Therefore domestic violence is sin, and Scripture should never be twisted to justify or excuse any abuse. 4. No victim of domestic abuse should ever be pressured to forgive, submit to, or restore a relationship with an offender. 5. Our churches are committed to being safe places for all people, especially children and vulnerable adults, and we will therefore work to protect those experiencing domestic abuse as a first priority. 6. We grieve with victims and survivors of domestic abuse, and pray for their healing and recovery. We give thanks for those women and men, clergy and lay people, who have faithfully supported, cared for and protected such victims in our churches and communities. 7. However, we also confess with deep shame that domestic abuse has occurred among those who attend our churches, and even among some in leadership. We apologise for those times our teaching and pastoral care has failed adequately to support victims and call perpetrators to account. 8. We urge Anglican dioceses around Australia to ensure they have policies and good practice guidelines in place, along with education and training, for responding well to situations involving domestic violence within our parishes and organisations. 9. We call on all institutions preparing people for ordained or lay ministry in the Anglican Church of Australia to review curriculum and content to ensure that material which may give rise to unhealthy views about power or the marginalisation of women, are addressed. 10. We also acknowledge our responsibility to work with the police, statutory child protection authorities and specialist agencies in responding to domestic abuse, including our legal obligations in reporting abuse. This should include consideration of growing the practical trauma programmes and advocacy undertaken by our Anglicare Australia agencies in this growing area of community need. 11. Finally, this Synod again upholds Faithfulness in Service as our national code of conduct for clergy and church workers, specifically its affirmations that: • Abuse of power is at the heart of many relationship problems in the Church and the community. In essence, abuse is one person's misuse of power over another. Sometimes abuse will be a one off event and at other times it will be a pattern of behaviour. (§6.2) • It is important for clergy and church workers to be good citizens and obey the laws of the community, except where those laws conflict with Christian convictions. (§6.4) • You are not to abuse your spouse, children or other members of your family. (§6.6) 7 September 2017
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R50/17	Family Violence Study The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, Bishop Genieve Blackwell seconding That this General Synod requests the General Synod Standing Committee to investigate and if appropriate commission (using contingencies or other available sources of funding) a professionally designed and independent research study into the nature and prevalence of family violence prevalence within the Australian Anglican Church population. The General Synod Standing Committee could also explore the feasibility and practicality of inviting other denominations to consider participation in any such independent research. 7 September 2017
R54/17	The Global Goals for Sustainable Development Bishop Sarah Macneil moving, Bishop Chris Jones seconding That, celebrating the success of the Millennium Development Goals and noting that the number of people living in extreme poverty has more than halved since 1990, the General Synod: a) welcomes the new Global Goals for Sustainable Development which aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and pursue the common good; b) encourages theological engagement with the goals, and missional commitment to their achievement; c) commends the work of Anglicare Australia, the Anglican Board of Mission, Anglican Overseas Aid, Anglican Aid and other Anglican organisations in striving to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals; d) renews our call for a fair share of Australia's national budget (0.7% of Gross National Income) to be dedicated to Overseas Development Assistance that aims to reduce poverty; and e) encourages each diocese, through its synod, to consider 0.7% of gross diocesan income, or some other meaningful proportion, to projects supporting the Sustainable Development Goals. 7 September 2017

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R60/17	Refugees on Manus Island and Nauru 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. 8 September 2017
R61/17	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. 8 September 2017

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R62/17	Action to contribute to the Paris Climate Accord 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. 8 September 2017
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R63/17	Assisted Dying Dr Denise Cooper-Clarke moving, Dr Karin Sowada seconding 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. 8 September 2017
R65/17	Rohingya Muslim People Bishop Philip Huggins moving, The Very Rev’d Peter Catt seconding 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. 8 September 2017

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SAFE MINISTRY	
R20/17	Professional Standards Commission Report Bishop Greg Anderson moving, Ms Dianne Shay seconding The General Synod: (a) receives the report of the Professional Standards Commission; (b) recommends that each diocese: (i) publish a list of appropriately qualified people as professional supervisors for those in pastoral ministry and promote the use of their services; (ii) include a component for professional supervision in recommended financial packages for those in pastoral ministry; (c) requests the Standing Committee to explore with the dioceses the development of a nationally consistent approach to professional standards legislation with particular reference to its application to child abuse; (d) requests the Safe Ministry Commission: (i) to measure and review the Church's progress towards being a child safe institution in the light of the elements identified in the report of the Royal Commission Creating Child Safe Institutions issued in July 2016; (ii) to analyse the final report of the Royal Commission and make recommendations as to actions to be taken; (iii) to develop an audio visual resource for use in dioceses that provides information to ministers, churchwardens and parish councils about the implementation of the Policy for Safe Ministry in a parish where there is a risk of sexual abuse by a Person of Concern and the issues raised by the participation of a Person of Concern in the life of a parish; (iv) to develop a resource for use in dioceses for providing care for families who have experienced premature death of a family member due to child sexual abuse; (v) to identify and recommend resources for use in dioceses for responding to family and domestic violence; (vi) to report to the 18th General Synod as to the progress of the Church in the development and implementation of safe ministry policies and structures. 4 September 2017

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R21/17	Safer Ministry Ms Dianne Shay moving, Bishop Greg Anderson seconding That the General Synod: (a) welcomes resolutions 16.25, 16.26, 16.27 and 16.28 passed by the Anglican Consultative Council in April 2016 (ACC-16) and requests the General Secretary to convey this resolution to the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion and the Archbishop of Canterbury; (b) commends the National Council of Churches in Australia for organising the <i>Safe as Churches? 7</i> and <i>the Safe as Churches? 8</i> conferences on sexual misconduct and abuse in the Australian churches, and supports ongoing joint action by member churches and other participating Australian churches to promote the welfare and safety of all people within their communities. The General Synod requests the General Secretary to convey this resolution to the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia; (c) recommends that the Commonwealth Government promote a national system for child protection, and that State and Territory governments as a matter of urgency enact legislation for a national system for child protection that provides for: (i) the mandatory reporting of child abuse by persons including ministers of religion to the police and the government child protection authorities; (ii) the screening of all persons seeking to work with children in a paid or voluntary capacity; (iii) the mutual recognition of clearances for persons to work with children in all States and Territories: and (d) requests that the General Secretary forward the terms of this resolution to the Prime Minister, the Premier or Chief Minister of each State and Territory and the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse forthwith. 4 September 2017
R43/17	Safe Ministry Implementation Bishop Stephen Hale moving, Bishop Genieve Blackwell seconding 1. That this Synod gives thanks for the unity of intent expressed by the unanimous resolution of this Canon. 2. That each Diocesan Bishop with the support of their Synod team commits to strive for the adoption of this Canon at the first Diocesan Synod after this General Synod with the hope that all 23 Dioceses will adopt the Canon. 3. That the General Synod embraces a Networking approach to the free exchange of resources and the drawing upon centres of excellence in safe ministry practice to enable the full implementation of the Canon by large and small Dioceses working together. 6 September 2017

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R45/17	Working with Children Check Systems Mr Doug Marr moving, Mr Lachlan Bryant seconding General Synod calls upon the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments to develop an age appropriate Working with Children Check system or suitable alternative for those persons aged under 18 who work with children. 6 September 2017
R64/17	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. 8 September 2017
R66/17	Recognition and thanks for Child Protection Work Mr Daniel Aspinall moving, The Hon Richard Refshauge 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

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	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. 8 September 2017
R67/17	The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Mr Garth Blake moving, Archbishop Philip Freier seconding (a) gives thanks to God for the work of the Royal 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. 8 September 2017

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STANDING COMMITTEE	
R25/17	Equal Representation of Women The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, Ms Audrey Mills seconding The General Synod: 1. Notes with disappointment that the resolution of the 2007 fourteenth Session of General Synod in regard to the equal representation of Women on General Synod Bodies (GS85/07) has not been effectively implemented, with equal representation of women on only three of the General Synod's current 27 Bodies. 2. Requests the next General Synod Standing Committee to a) Re-commit to the principle of equal representation of women in membership of its bodies and to ensure that this goal is met the Standing Committee agree to a target that all General Synod bodies (General Synod commissions, task forces and working groups) have 50% equal representation of women in their membership by 1st December 2019 wherever legislatively and practically possible. b) Apply the principle of equal representation of women in membership of organisations where Standing Committee make appointments to other bodies wherever this is legislatively and practically possible. c) Review annually the progress of this target. 3. Encourages each diocese to adopt the target of 50% equal representation of women in elections and appointments wherever legislatively and practically possible and to report back to the next General Synod. 4. Requests Standing Committee to report progress on this matter to the 18th Session of General Synod. 4 September 2017
R36/17	Church Law Commission Membership The Hon Richard Refshauge moving, Bishop John Parkes seconding That having regard to: (a) The history of clergy membership on the Church Law Commission; (b) The fact that Church Law matters can affect the clergy in a way different to the way it affects the laity; (c) The desirability of theological considerations being taken into account and informing Church Law, the Primate, when appointing members to the Church Law Commission on the advice of the Standing Committee under section 14 of the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Canon 1998, give active consideration to the appointment of at least one member of the Clergy to the Church Law Commission. 5 September 2017

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R39/17	Report Content Policy The Rev'd Gavin Poole moving, The Rev'd Paul Hunt seconding Synod requests Standing Committee to consider writing a policy that requires minimum mandatory information to be included in reports to Synod from commissions, task forces and working groups. Such information should include: (a) Expenses incurred compared to budget and reasons for variation; (b) Frequency and attendance at meetings; (c) Membership changes; and (d) Synod resolutions addressed by the group. 5 September 2017
R47/17	Viability and Structures Steering Group Report to General Synod Bishop Andrew Curnow AM moving, Bishop John Stead seconding The General Synod: 1) Recognises that all growth will come through faithful, action trusting in God's enlivening work; 2) Notes that the precise structural changes needed to fit the Anglican Church in Australia for the future are not yet known; 3) Notes the importance of children in the ministry of the Lord Jesus and requests each Diocese to construct a holistic ministry and mission plan for children and young people in conjunction with other Dioceses in their Province. 4) Requests Standing Committee to report to General Synod possible concrete structural changes that will aid the provision of ministry and the extension of mission across Australia noting particularly the role and requirements of Pioneer Ministry and theological formation for lay and ordained ministry; 5) Receives the report of the Viability and Structures Steering Group and endorses the recommendations contained in the report as follows: • to help ensure we develop the visionary church leaders required by the future, Bishops (and, ideally, next generation Bishops) should be intentionally equipped and enabled through the establishment of a holistic continuing leadership development program. • to improve the quality and consistency of knowledge and best practices across the Church, the apparatus should be established to facilitate collaboration, including the sharing and communication of ideas, resources and information. • to enhance the missional effectiveness of the Church, each Diocese is requested to develop a Mission Action Plan, including timelines and resource requirements for implementation, and report back to the Standing Committee. • because it is essential that necessary future change is constructively considered on a timely basis, the Bishops are asked to implement a process – to be endorsed at the first national Bishops' meeting following General Synod – through which, on a regular basis, they would collectively assess any need for significant change and seek

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	to agree how to effect the necessary change. • to help ensure the implementation of the recommendations above, the Standing Committee should seek, receive, review and approve sensible resource and funding applications for each of these recommendations. 6) Asks the Standing Committee and the House of Bishops to review and facilitate the progress of implementation of these recommendations and present proposals, with actionable plans, to a meeting of Standing Committee in 2018. 6 September 2017
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SYNOD PROCESSES	
R01/17	Clerical Secretary and Lay Secretary of Synod That the Rev'd Canon Katherine Bowyer be elected as Clerical Secretary of Synod. That Mr Timothy Reid be elected as Lay Secretary of Synod. 4 September 2017
R02/17	A Chair and Deputy Chairs of Committees That Dr Ian Gibson be elected as Chair of Committees. That Ms Audrey Mills be elected as a Deputy Chair of Committees. That Ms Rachel Ellyard be elected as a Deputy Chair of Committees. 4 September 2017
R03/17	A Committee of Elections and Qualifications That the following members be appointed to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications: • Bishop Trevor Edwards • Mr Michael Meek SC • Justice Debra Mullins • Bishop John Parkes AM • Ms Emma Riggs • Ms Carolyn Tan. 4 September 2017
R04/17	Three Members of a Committee to arrange the Order of Business That the following additional persons be elected to the Committee to arrange the Order of Business: • Bishop Andrew Curnow AM • Archdeacon Arthur Copeman • Mr Allan Perryman. 4 September 2017
R05/17	Minutes Reading Committee That a Minutes Reading Committee of six members be appointed to read and certify as a correct record the Minutes of this Session of Synod for confirmation by Synod, and the following be members of the Committee, any two of whom are to certify the minutes for a particular day: • Mr Clive Ellis (Convenor) • Bishop Bradly Billings • Ms Beverly Birch • The Rev'd Dane Courtney • Dr Timothy Nicholson • Bishop Sarah Macneil. 4 September 2017

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R06/17	Nominations for Elections Under Rule III a) That nominations for election to the Appellate Tribunal and Standing Committee close at 9.00 pm on Monday 4 September 2017. b) That nominations for all other elections under Rule III close at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 5 September 2017. 4 September 2017
R07/17	Hours of Sitting and Synod Program That the hours of sitting for this session of General Synod be those set out in the Synod Program in Book 2 of the General Synod papers titled <i>Standing Committee Report to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod</i>. That so much of Standing Orders as may be necessary be suspended to permit the program as set out in Book 2 titled <i>Standing Committee Report to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod</i> to be implemented. 4 September 2017
R08/17	General Synod Conference Sessions That General Synod be adjourned and that conference sessions be conducted at the following times: • 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm on Monday 4 September 2017 • 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Tuesday 5 September 2017 • 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Wednesday 6 September 2017. 4 September 2017
R09/17	Guests of General Synod 1) That the representatives of the member churches of the ecumenical body 'Queensland Churches Together' be welcomed and granted permission to speak if called upon by the President. 2) That the following persons, not being members of this General Synod, be granted permission to speak if called upon by the President: • Bishop Ian Lambert, Bishop to the Defence Force • Bishop Jeffrey Driver, Chair, Doctrine Commission • The Rev'd John Deane, Director, Anglican Board of Missions-Australia Ltd • Dr Martin Sutherland, Dean and CEO, The Australian College of Theology Pty Ltd • The Rev'd Peter Laurence OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Anglican Schools Australia • The Rev'd Michael Hughes, General Secretary, The Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. • Bishop John Harrower, Bishop Assisting the Primate. 4 September 2017

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R10/17	Media Arrangements That in order to provide appropriate controls and to prevent interference with the Business of the Synod the following media arrangements will pertain: 1) Television and filming on the floor of Synod only take place during the first fifteen minutes of each day of sitting, following Prayers, or at other specific times declared by the President. 2) At other times during the Synod accredited media representatives shall be permitted in the Synod only in a designated area. 3) Television cameras may film from a designated space during the sessions of Synod, but not during any period declared by the President at his discretion. 4 September 2017
R11/17	Report on Financial Matters That leave be granted for Mr Allan Perryman, General Synod Treasurer, as mover of motions 16.3.1 to 16.3.5, and Ms Marianne Yacoel, General Synod Finance and Operations Manager, to make a presentation for 20 minutes to introduce motions on finance matters. 4 September 2017
R12/17	Report on the Viability and Structures Steering Group That leave be granted for Bishop Andrew Curnow, as mover of motion 16.4, to make a presentation on the recommendations contained in the Report of the Viability and Structures Steering Group for 15 minutes in connection with the motion. 4 September 2017
R13/17	Bible Study and Small Groups Discussion Program 1) That Bible study and small group discussions be held following morning worship each day. 2) That the study groups be comprised with facilitators as published on the GS17 members portal and posted in the Wandiny Room. 3) That leave be granted to Archdeacon Arthur Copeman to provide an introduction to the bible study and small group discussion program at 12.20 pm before the lunch break on Monday 4 September 2017. 4 September 2017

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R14/17	Ordering of Business on the Advice of the Provisional Business Committee That consideration of: Finance 1) Motions 16.3.1 to 16.3.3 and the consideration in principle of motions 16.3.4 and 16.3.5 be made on Order of the Day for 11.00 am on Tuesday 5 September 2017. 2) Motions 16.3.4 and 16.3.5 be made an Order of the Day for 9.30 am on Thursday 7 September 2017. Appellate Tribunal Qualifications of Membership 3) Motion 17.1 be an order of the day for 12 noon on Monday 4 September 2017 Safe Ministry to Children 4) Motions 17.15 to 17.19 be an Order of the Day for 3.30 pm on Monday 4 September 2017 Episcopal Standards 5) Motions 17.20 to 17.22 be an Order of the Day for 3.30 pm on Tuesday 5 September 2017 Redress for Survivors of Abuse 6) Motion 16.22 be an order of the day for 9.30 am on Wednesday 6 September 2017 and, if leave be granted for the introduction of a Bill for the Redress for Survivors of Abuse Canon 2017, that the bill be considered forthwith. Mission and Ministry 7) Motions 16.11 to 16.13 be an Order of the Day for 7.30pm on Wednesday 6 September 2017. 4 September 2017
R15/17	Authentication of Canons That, pursuant to sections 24 and 25(1) of the Constitution, the Canons passed at this Session of the General Synod shall be authenticated by use of the official seal of the General Synod. 4 September 2017
R16/17	Reading and Confirmation of Minutes 1) That the minutes of the first, second and third days of meeting of this Session of the Synod be read and confirmed on the resumption of business after the afternoon tea adjournment on the day following the relevant day of meeting; 2) That the minutes of the second-last day of meeting of this Session of the Synod be read and confirmed on the resumption of business after the morning tea adjournment on the final day of meeting; 3) That the minutes of the final day of meeting be read and confirmed at the first full meeting of the Standing Committee following this Session of the General Synod. 4 September 2017

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R17/17	Elections under Rule III That voting will take place in the voting room in Mudjimba 1, adjacent to the entry foyer of the Novotel Twin Waters Resort, between 10.30 am and 6.00 pm on Wednesday 6 September 2017. 4 September 2017
R18/17	Amendment of Rule I - Formal Motions Amendment of Rule II - Electronic Voting That motions 18.1 and 18.4 relating to the amendment of Rule I be dealt with forthwith. 4 September 2017
R19/17	Amendment of Rule III – Elections Ms Anne Hywood moved, the Ven Arthur Copeman seconding That motion 18.2 relating to amendment of Rule III be dealt with forthwith. 4 September 2017
R38/17	Recommittal of Motion Bishop Garry Weatherill moving, The Rev'd Scott Lowrey seconding That Motion 16.10 be recommitted so that the Church might also be challenged to respond to this challenge. 5 September 2017
R41/17	Ordering of Business With leave, The Ven Arthur Copeman moving, The Rev'd Canon Katherine Bowyer seconding That the Presentation on the Viability and Structures Report be made an Order of the Day for 1.30pm on Wednesday 6th September 2017. 5 September 2017

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R27/17	Church Agencies Network Disaster Operation (CAN DO)	5/9/17
R28/17	First Nation's Voice	5/9/17
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CANONS PASSED BY GENERAL SYNOD

APPELLATE TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT (QUALIFICATION) CANON 2017

Canon 1, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows.

Title

1. This canon is the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Qualification) Canon 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this canon principal canon means the Appellate Tribunal Canon 1981.

Primate ineligible to be a member of the Appellate Tribunal

3. In the principal canon after section 3 insert—

"3A. The Primate is disqualified from becoming a member of the Appellate Tribunal."

Vacating office of member

4. In the principal canon, for section 4 substitute:
"4. The office of a member of the Appellate Tribunal is vacated at the commencement of the ordinary session of Synod that next occurs after the member has attained the age of 75 years or when the member -
 - (a) dies;
 - (b) resigns;
 - (c) is declared by any competent Court incapable of managing his or her affairs;
 - (d) ceases to reside permanently in Australia;
 - (e) is convicted by any Court of any offence punishable by imprisonment;
 - (f) being a bishop, ceases to be a diocesan bishop; or
 - (g) becomes the Primate."

Removal of gender specific language

5. In the principal canon, in section 5 for "he shall conduct" **substitute** "he or she shall conduct".

APPELLATE TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT (QUALIFICATION)

Definition of Primate

6. In the principal canon, after section 10 insert:

"11. In this canon, Primate means the person who holds the office of Primate under the Primate Canon 1995 and does not include the Acting Primate."

Date of effect and continuation in office

7. (1) This canon comes into effect on the date appointed by the President.

(2) If—

- (a) the date appointed by the President is a date before the conclusion of the first ordinary session of the Seventeenth General Synod; and
- (b) the seat of a member of the tribunal became vacant at the commencement of that ordinary session because the member had attained the age of 69 years -

that member is to be considered to have been duly nominated to fill that vacancy under and for the purposes of section 4A by the members of the same house that previously nominated the member, and to have been duly elected by the members of that house under and for the purposes of that section.

Secretaries' Certification of copy of Canon as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Canon above is a copy of the Canon as passed on the 4th day of September 2017.

Dated: 8 September 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer

Clerical Secretary

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

APPELLATE TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT (QUALIFICATION)

Primate's appointment when the canon shall come into force [SO63(19)]

I appoint the 4th day of September 2017 as the date on which this canon shall come into force.

Certification of Canon as correct [Section 24 of the Constitution]

We certify this duplicate of the canon as correct.

(sgd) +Philip Melbourne

President

Dated: 9 December 2017

(sgd) Ian H Gibson

Chairman of Committees

Dated: 9 December 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer

Clerical Secretary

Dated: 11 May 2018

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

Dated: 9 December 2017

**CONSTITUTION (APPELLATE TRIBUNAL) AMENDMENT CANON
2017**

Canon 2, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows.

Title

1. This Canon is the Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017.

Continuing to hear part-heard matters

2. After s 57(1) of the Constitution, insert:

"(1A) Despite s 57(1), the General Synod may by canon provide for -

- (a) a member of the tribunal whose office is to be vacated, but who is participating in the disposition of an appeal, question or matter made or referred to the tribunal where that appeal, questions or matter will not be disposed of before the date on which the member's office is to be vacated, continuing as a member of the tribunal for the purposes only of participating in and concluding that appeal, question or matter even though the office of that member will for all other purposes be vacated on that date;
- (b) the appointment of a qualified person to take the place of a member who is unable to participate in the disposition of an appeal, question or matter (whether because that member's office is vacant, or the member is disqualified or for some other reason) for the purposes only of participating in the disposition of that appeal, question or matter; and
- (c) a person referred to in paragraph (b) who is participating in the disposition of an appeal, question or matter made or referred to the tribunal continuing to participate in the disposition of that appeal, question or matter until it is concluded.

(1B) A person participating in the disposition of an appeal, question or matter by virtue of a canon of the General Synod made under sub-section (1A) is not a member of the tribunal for the purposes of the first sentence in sub-section (1)."

Removal of right of co-option

3. In section 57(2) of the Constitution the words "and his place shall be filled for the purpose of the appeal by the other members co-opting a person qualified for the office" are repealed.

CONSTITUTION (APPELLATE TRIBUNAL)

Repeal of Canon No 3 of 2010

4. Canon No. 3 of 2010 (Constitution Amendment (Appellate Tribunal Part Heard Matters) Canon 2010) is repealed.

Secretaries' Certification of copy of Canon as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Canon above is a copy of the Canon as passed on the 4th day of September 2017.

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Dated: 11 May 2018

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

Dated: 9 December 2017

APPELLATE TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT (RESERVE LIST) CANON 2017

Canon 3, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows.

Title

1. This canon is the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Reserve List) Canon 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this canon **principal canon** means the Appellate Tribunal Canon 1981.

Creation and use of reserve lists

3. In the **principal canon**, after section 7 insert:

- "7A. (1) At each ordinary Session there is to be elected to an Appellate Tribunal Reserve List by the General Synod voting together and not by houses—
 - (a) two diocesan bishops; and
 - (b) two members of the laity qualified to be lay members of the Appellate Tribunal.
 - (2) One diocesan bishop on the Appellate Tribunal Reserve List is the first reserve diocesan bishop and the other is the second reserve diocesan bishop determined by agreement between them or, in the absence of agreement, by lot.
 - (3) One member of the laity on the Appellate Tribunal Reserve List is the first reserve lay member and the other is the second reserve lay member determined by agreement between them or, in the absence of agreement, by lot.
- 7B. (1) This section applies if, before the Appellate Tribunal commences to dispose of an appeal, question or matter (to an extent greater than conducting directions hearings or other procedural steps) made or referred to the Appellate Tribunal, a member of the Appellate Tribunal—
 - (a) has vacated office as a member by virtue of section 4;
 - (b) is unavailable to participate in the hearing of a matter due to an apprehension of bias or a conflict of interest;
 - (c) in relation to a matter that involves or may involve the exercise of discipline within a diocese, is the diocesan bishop of that diocese;
 - (d) declares that he or she is unavailable to participate in the hearing of a matter for any reason; or
 - (e) is or becomes temporarily incapable of acting.

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- (2) If this section applies, the member may not have any further part in hearing or disposing of that appeal, question or matter, and the place of that member on the Appellate Tribunal in relation to that appeal, question or matter is to be taken -
 - (a) if the member is or was a bishop -
 - (i) by the first reserve diocesan bishop; or
 - (ii) where if the first reserve diocesan bishop were a member of the Appellate Tribunal this section would apply in respect of that bishop, by the second reserve diocesan bishop; and
 - (b) if the member is or was a member of the laity -
 - (i) by the first reserve lay member; or
 - (ii) where if the first reserve lay member were a member of the Appellate Tribunal this section would apply in respect of that lay member, by the second reserve lay member.
- 7C. A person ceases to be a member of the Appellate Tribunal Reserve List at the commencement of the next ordinary session of Synod or when the person -
 - (a) dies;
 - (b) resigns;
 - (c) is declared by any competent Court incapable of managing his or her affairs;
 - (d) ceases to reside permanently in Australia;
 - (e) is convicted by any Court of any offence punishable by imprisonment ;
 - (f) being a bishop, ceases to be a diocesan bishop; or
 - (g) becomes the Primate."

Completing the hearing of a matter

- 4. In the principal canon, for section 4AB substitute:

- "4AB (1) Despite section 4, if the office of a member of the Appellate Tribunal has become vacant only because the person who was that member -
 - (a) has attained the age of 75 years,
 - (b) being a bishop has ceased to be a diocesan bishop, or
 - (c) has become the Primate -and at the time of the office becoming vacant the member is participating in the disposition of an appeal, question or matter (to an extent greater than participating in directions hearing or other procedural steps) that person remains a member of the Appellate Tribunal for the purposes only of participating in and concluding that appeal, question or matter.
- (2) Sub-section (1) does not affect the operation of section 4.
- (3) Despite section 7C, if -
 - (a) the place of a member of the Appellate Tribunal has been taken by another person under section 7B(2),
 - (b) that other person is participating in the disposition of an appeal, question or matter (to an extent greater than participating in directions

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hearings or other procedural steps) made or referred to the Appellate Tribunal; and

- (c) the appeal, question or matter has not been disposed of at a time when, but for this sub-section, the person would cease to be eligible to participate in the disposition of that appeal, question or matter because of the commencement of the next ordinary session of Synod or because that other person -

- (i) has attained the age of 75 years,
- (ii) being a bishop has ceased to be a diocesan bishop, or
- (iii) has become the Primate -

that other person remains eligible to participate in and conclude that appeal, question or matter."

Clarification

5. In the principal canon, after section 11 insert:

"12. This canon is not a canon referred to in the first sentence of section 57(3) of the Constitution."

Date of effect

6. This canon comes into effect on the date when the Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 comes into effect.

Repeal of Canon 5 of 2010

7. Canon 5 of 2010 (Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Part Heard Matters) Canon 2010) is repealed.

Secretaries' Certification of copy of Canon as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Canon above is a copy of the Canon as passed on the 4th day of September 2017.

Dated: 8 September 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer

Clerical Secretary

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

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Certification of Canon as correct [Section 24 of the Constitution]

We certify this duplicate of the canon as correct.

(sgd) +Philip Melbourne

President

Dated: 9 December 2017

(sgd) Ian H Gibson

Chairman of Committees

Dated: 9 December 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer

Clerical Secretary

Dated: 11 May 2018

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

Dated: 9 December 2017

SAFE MINISTRY TO CHILDREN CANON 2017

Canon 4, 2017

Whereas –

- A. in 2004 the General Synod adopted the Safe Ministry Policy Statement which states that this Church is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people, particularly within its own community, and includes the commitments to carefully recruit and train its clergy and church workers, adopt and encourage safe ministry practices by its clergy and lay church workers, and provide pastoral support to and supervision of any person known to have abused a child or another vulnerable person,
- B. in 2014 the General Synod adopted the Charter for the Safety of People within the Churches of the Anglican Communion which includes the commitments to adopt standards for the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and other church personnel, to assess the suitability of persons for ordination as clergy or appointment to positions of responsibility in the church, and to promote a culture of safety in parishes and church organisations by education and training;

now the General Synod prescribes as follows:

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

Title

- 1. This canon is the Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017.

Object

- 2. The object of this canon is:
 - (a) to prescribe a code of conduct for safe ministry to children;
 - (b) to prescribe minimum standards and guidelines for safe ministry to children; and
 - (c) to implement the Protocol so far as it provides for obtaining and taking into account Ministry Suitability Information before authorising clergy and church workers to undertake ministry to children.

Interpretation

- 3. In this canon, unless the context otherwise requires:

child has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;

child abuse has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;

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Church authority has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;

Church body means any body corporate, organisation or association that exercises ministry within, or on behalf of, or in the name of, the Church, and is controlled by a diocese or province or the General Synod;

church worker means a lay person undertaking any ministry to children:

- (a) who is licensed or authorised by the bishop of a diocese; or
- (b) who is employed by a Church body; or
- (c) who, for payment or not, holds a position or performs a function with the actual or apparent authority of a Church authority or Church body;

clergy means a person who is a bishop, priest or deacon in this Church;

code of conduct means a code of conduct for safe ministry to children;

cogent means clear, logical and convincing;

contact means physical contact, oral communication (whether face-to-face or by telephone), written communication or electronic communication (which includes email, instant messaging, social media and video chats);

controlled by a diocese or province or the General Synod has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;

diocesan audit means an audit as to whether:

- (a) any diocesan code of conduct containing additional standards of conduct for observance, and additional guidelines for conduct to be followed, is inconsistent with the standards of conduct and the guidelines for conduct contained in the prescribed code of conduct, or an equivalent code of conduct in respect of which the Standing Committee has made a determination under section 5(3);
- (b) a diocese has standards, and guidelines unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so, that give effect to the prescribed standards and guidelines;
- (c) a diocese has in place procedures which:
 - (i) effectively monitor observance by clergy and church workers in the diocese of the standards, and guidelines unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so, applicable to them that give effect to the prescribed standards and guidelines; and
 - (ii) provide for an appropriate response to instances of non-observance; and
- (d) the procedures in paragraph (c) have, in all material respects, been followed, and (e) any additional standards and guidelines for safe ministry to children prescribed by a diocese are inconsistent with the prescribed standards and guidelines, or equivalent standards and guidelines applicable to a Church body in respect of which the Standing Committee has made a determination under section 9(3);

diocesan safe ministry authority means a Church body with responsibility for safe ministry to children in a diocese, and where not established is the diocesan council;

General Synod audit means an audit as to whether:

- (a) any code of conduct that applies to clergy and church workers in a Church body in respect of which the Standing Committee has made a determination under section 5(3) gives substantial effect to the standards of conduct and the guidelines for conduct contained in the prescribed code of conduct as appropriately adapted to the context of the Church body;
- (b) the prescribed standards have been observed, and guidelines have been followed unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so, by the person or body appointing or electing clergy and church workers to a General Synod professional standards role or a General Synod safe ministry role;
- (c) any standards and guidelines for safe ministry to children that apply to clergy and church workers in a Church body in respect of which the Standing Committee has made a determination under section 9(3) give substantial effect to the applicable prescribed standards and guidelines as appropriately adapted to the context of the Church body;

General Synod professional standards role means a professional standards role to which a person is elected or appointed by the General Synod or the Standing Committee or the Primate or the General Secretary;

General Synod safe ministry role means a safe ministry role to which a person is elected or appointed by the General Synod or the Standing Committee or the Primate or the General Secretary;

licence means a licence, an authority, or a permission to officiate, issued by the bishop of a diocese;

ministry to children means work of a kind where a person:

- (a) is required to hold a working with children check, or a working with vulnerable people check by reason that the person has contact with a child as part of engaging in a regulated activity; or
- (b) exercises a pastoral ministry which has direct, regular and not incidental contact with children; or
- (c) provides services to children that are ancillary to the exercise of a pastoral ministry within paragraph (b) which involve:
 - (i) contact with children during an overnight activity (such as camps and similar activities); or
 - (ii) close, personal contact with children (such as changing clothes, washing and toileting); or
- (d) supervises the ministry of a person within any one or more of paragraphs (a) to (c); or
- (e) performs a professional standards role; or
- (f) performs a safe ministry role;

pastoral ministry includes the provision of spiritual advice and support, education, counselling, medical care, and assistance in times of need;

Person of Concern is a person who is currently participating or wishes to participate in the life of a parish or congregation and whose presence constitutes a risk of harm from sexual abuse to others in the parish or congregation;

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prescribed code of conduct means the code of conduct prescribed under this canon from time to time;

prescribed standards and guidelines means the standards and guidelines prescribed under this canon from time to time;

professional standards process has the same meaning as in the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017;

professional standards role means a role in:

- (a) recommending or determining whether an action is to be taken; or
 - (b) providing support to a person;
- under a professional standards process;

Protocol means the Protocol for the disclosure of ministry suitability information between the churches of the Anglican Communion which the Anglican Consultative Council referred to in resolution 16.27 passed in 2016, and the text of which is set out in the Third Schedule;

Safe Ministry Commission means the Safe Ministry Commission established pursuant to the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Canon 1998;

safe ministry role means a role:

- (a) in recommending or determining standards and guidelines for safe ministry to children or with Person of Concern; or
- (b) in recommending or determining or supervising safe ministry in a parish or congregation with a Person of Concern;

but excludes a role as a member of the synod of the diocese and, if a diocese has established a diocesan safe ministry authority separate from its diocesan council excludes a role as a member of the diocesan council;

spiritual abuse has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;

standards for safe ministry with Persons of Concern means the standards for safe ministry with Persons of Concern for clergy and church workers;

standards of screening means the standards of screening for clergy and church workers;

standards of training means the standards of training for clergy and church workers;

working with children check has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;

working with vulnerable people check has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007.

PART 2 - CODES OF CONDUCT

Prescribed code of conduct

4.
 - (1) The code of conduct is prescribed in the First Schedule.
 - (2) The General Synod, or the Standing Committee by a two-thirds majority, may by resolution amend the First Schedule by:
 - (a) prescribing amendments to the prescribed code of conduct or a substituted code of conduct; and
 - (b) determining the date on which the amendments to the prescribed code of conduct, or the substituted code of conduct, shall come into force.
 - (3) The Standing Committee prior to amending the First Schedule shall consult with the Safe Ministry Commission and diocesan safe ministry authorities as to the proposed amendments to the prescribed code of conduct or the proposed substituted code of conduct, and the date on which the proposed amendments to the prescribed code of conduct, or the proposed substituted code of conduct, shall come into force.
 - (4) Any amendments to the prescribed code of conduct, or any substituted code of conduct, shall not deal with or concern the faith ritual or ceremonial of this Church other than in relation to the spiritual abuse of a child or the confession of child abuse.
 - (5) Subject to section 5, clergy and church workers shall:
 - (a) observe the standards of conduct, and
 - (b) follow the guidelines for conduct unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so, contained in the prescribed code of conduct.

Equivalent code of conduct

5.
 - (1) In this section **Church body** does not include a diocese or a diocesan safe ministry authority.
 - (2) The prescribed code of conduct shall not apply to clergy and church workers in a Church body which has a code of conduct applicable to them pursuant to:
 - (a) the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory; or
 - (b) a requirement or condition for registration, approval or funding to provide services for children under the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory; or
 - (c) a contract or arrangement with the Commonwealth or a State or Territory or an agency or authority of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory.
 - (3) Subject to subsection (2), the prescribed code of conduct shall apply to clergy and church workers in a Church body unless the Standing Committee by a two-thirds majority, on application by a province or diocese, determines that the Church body has a code of conduct containing equivalent standards of conduct for observance, and guidelines for conduct to be followed, by its clergy and church workers as appropriately adapted to the context of the Church body that give substantial effect to the standards of conduct and the guidelines for conduct contained in the prescribed code of conduct.
 - (4) The General Secretary shall publish on the General Synod website a list of all Church bodies that have been determined under subsection (3) to have an

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equivalent code of conduct, the date on which the determination was made, and if applicable the period during which the determination had effect.

Additional code of conduct

6. A diocese may prescribe a code of conduct containing additional standards of conduct for observance, and additional guidelines for conduct to be followed, by the following persons, other than clergy and church workers in a Church body specified in section 5(2):
 - (a) in the case of clergy and church workers to whom the prescribed code of conduct applies, that are not inconsistent with the standards of conduct and the guidelines for conduct contained in the prescribed code of conduct; or
 - (b) in the case of clergy and church workers to whom a code of conduct specified in section 5(3) applies, that are not inconsistent with the standards of conduct and the guidelines for conduct contained in that code of conduct.

Publication of prescribed code of conduct

7.
 - (1) The General Secretary shall publish the prescribed code of conduct on the General Synod website.
 - (2) The General Secretary shall table at each ordinary session of the General Synod any amendments to the prescribed code of conduct, or any substituted code of conduct, prescribed by the Standing Committee since the preceding ordinary session of the General Synod.

PART 3 - STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

Prescribed standards and guidelines

8.
 - (1) Standards of screening, standards of training and standards for safe ministry with Persons of Concern are prescribed in the Second Schedule.
 - (2) The General Synod, or Standing Committee by a two-thirds majority, may by resolution amend the Second Schedule by:
 - (a) prescribing amendments to the prescribed standards and guidelines or substituted standards and guidelines;
 - (b) prescribing further minimum standards for observance, and guidelines to be followed, for safe ministry to children; and
 - (c) determining the date on which the amendments to the prescribed standards and guidelines, or substituted standards and guidelines, or further standards and guidelines, shall come into force.
 - (3) The Standing Committee prior to amending the Second Schedule shall consult with the Safe Ministry Commission and diocesan safe ministry authorities as to the proposed amendments to the prescribed standards and guidelines, or proposed substituted standards and guidelines, or proposed further standards and guidelines, and the date on which the proposed amendments to the prescribed standards and guidelines, or proposed substituted standards and guidelines, or proposed further standards and guidelines, shall come into force.
 - (4) Any amendments to the prescribed standards and guidelines, or any substituted standards and guidelines, or any further standards and guidelines, shall not deal with or concern the faith ritual or ceremonial of this Church other than in relation to the spiritual abuse of a child or the confession of child abuse.

- (5) Subject to section 9:
 - (a) each diocese shall have standards, and guidelines unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so, that give effect to the prescribed standards and guidelines; and
 - (b) clergy and church workers in a diocese shall observe:
 - (i) the standards, and
 - (ii) the guidelines unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so, applicable to them that give effect to the prescribed standards and guidelines.
- (6) The prescribed standards and guidelines apply to clergy and church workers who perform a General Synod professional standards role or a General Synod safe ministry role.

Equivalent standards and guidelines

- 9.
 - (1) In this section **Church body** does not include a diocese or a diocesan safe ministry authority.
 - (2) The prescribed standards and guidelines shall not apply to clergy and church workers in a Church body which:
 - (a) is registered or approved or funded to provide services to children pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory; or
 - (b) provides services to children pursuant to a contract or arrangement with the Commonwealth or a State or Territory or an agency or authority of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory.
 - (3) Subject to subsection (2), the prescribed standards and guidelines shall apply to clergy and church workers in a Church body unless the Standing Committee by a two-thirds majority, on application by a province or diocese, determines that the Church body has equivalent standards for observance, and guidelines to be followed, by its clergy and church workers for safe ministry to children as appropriately adapted to the context of the Church body that give substantial effect to the applicable prescribed standards and guidelines.
 - (4) The General Secretary shall publish on the General Synod website a list of all Church bodies that have been determined under subsection (3) to have equivalent standards and guidelines, the date on which the determination was made, the applicable prescribed standards and guidelines for which the Church body has equivalent standards and guidelines, and if applicable the period during which the determination had effect.

Additional standards and guidelines

- 10. A diocese may prescribe additional standards and guidelines for safe ministry to children, other than for a Church body specified in section 9(2):
 - (a) that are not inconsistent with the prescribed standards and guidelines; or
 - (b) in the case of a Church body specified in section 9(3), that are not inconsistent with the standards and guidelines applicable to that Church body.

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Publication of prescribed standards and guidelines

11. (1) The General Secretary shall publish the prescribed standards and guidelines on the General Synod website.
- (2) The General Secretary shall table at each ordinary session of the General Synod any amendments to the prescribed standards and guidelines, or substituted standards and guidelines, or further standards and guidelines, prescribed by the Standing Committee since the preceding ordinary session of the General Synod.

PART 4 – AUDIT

Audit

12. (1) In this section:
church worker has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;
independent person means a person who:
 - (a) is not a member of the clergy or a church worker; and
 - (b) has experience in undertaking audits of a similar nature to a General Synod audit and a diocesan audit.
- (2) The General Secretary shall appoint an independent person to undertake a General Synod audit and a diocesan audit of each diocese at intervals of three years or such lesser period as determined by the Standing Committee, and provide as soon as practicable after the completion of the audit:
 - (a) a report of the General Synod audit to the Standing Committee; and
 - (b) a report of the diocesan audit to the diocesan council of the diocese concerned, the diocesan safe ministry authority of that diocese and the Standing Committee.
- (3) The General Secretary shall consult with diocesan safe ministry authorities as to when the audit of each diocese shall be conducted.
- (4) The Standing Committee shall determine the scope of the General Synod audit and a diocesan audit.
- (5) The Primate and the General Secretary shall provide access to such of their records, the records of the General Synod and the records of the Standing Committee, and provide such information, as requested by the independent person undertaking the General Synod audit as is reasonably necessary to enable the General Synod audit to be undertaken.
- (6) Each diocesan safe ministry authority shall provide access to such of the records of the diocese, and provide such information, as requested by the independent person undertaking the diocesan audit as is reasonably necessary to enable the diocesan audit to be undertaken.
- (7) The General Secretary shall as soon as practicable after:
 - (a) the report of the General Synod audit has been provided to the Standing Committee, and
 - (b) the report of the diocesan audit has been provided to the diocesan council of the diocese concerned, the diocesan safe ministry authority of that diocese and the Standing Committee,publish the report on the General Synod website.
- (8) The General Secretary is authorised to provide:

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- (a) the report of the General Synod audit to an agency or authority of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory with responsibility for child safe standards in institutions providing services for children; and
- (b) the report of a diocesan audit to an agency or authority of the Commonwealth, or an agency or authority of the State or Territory in which the diocese is located, with responsibility for child safe standards in institutions providing services for children.

PART 5 – GENERAL

Diocesan safe ministry authority

- 13. (1) Each diocese shall have a diocesan safe ministry authority.
- (2) A diocesan safe ministry authority shall at the request of General Secretary promptly inform the General Secretary of the details of the screening and training of persons from the diocese who are being considered for appointment or election for a General Synod professional standards role or a General Synod safe ministry role.

PART 6 – COMING INTO FORCE

Coming into force of particular provisions

- 14. (1) Subject to this section, this canon will come into force on and from the date appointed by the President, being not later than one calendar month from the date on which the canon is passed.
- (2) The standards of screening, standards of training and standards for safe ministry with Persons of Concern prescribed under section 8(1) shall come into force on the date specified in the Second Schedule.
- (3) Section 12 shall come into force on 1 January 2019.
- (4) Section 13 shall come into force on 1 January 2018.

Coming into force in a diocese

- 15. The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of the Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese by ordinance adopts this canon.
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FIRST SCHEDULE

Interpretation

1. In this Schedule:

Faithfulness in Service means Faithfulness in Service: A national code for personal behaviour and the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and church workers as tabled at the 17th ordinary session of the General Synod held in 2017.

Code of conduct

2. The code of conduct is the standards and guidelines of Faithfulness in Service set out in:
 - (a) section 3 (Putting this Code into Practice) so far as they relate to section 5 (Children), and
 - (b) section 5 (Children),when read in each case with section 1 (About this Code) and section 2 (Key Terms).

SECOND SCHEDULE

PART 1 - INTERPRETATION

Interpretation

1. In this Schedule, unless the context otherwise requires:

accredited training means:

- (a) training that:
 - (i) includes the course content in the Safe Ministry Training National Benchmarks so far as it relates to ministry to children, with reasonable adjustments for cultural, linguistic and ability diversity; and
 - (ii) is delivered by persons who are accredited, and/or online training which is accredited, by a diocesan safe ministry authority; or
- (b) training of another Church body or organisation that a diocesan safe ministry authority has determined is equivalent to the training in paragraph (a);

church ministry assessment means a reasonable endeavour made to obtain information about the person from the responsible authority, and if obtained consideration of that information;

criminal history assessment means consideration of a National Police History Check of the person;

denominational authority means a person or body of another denomination having authority to ordain, license, elect, appoint, dismiss or suspend a member of the clergy or a lay person of that denomination;

diocesan authority means a person or body of another diocese of this Church having authority to ordain, license, elect, appoint, dismiss or suspend a member of the clergy or a lay person of that diocese;

information means a written statement by a responsible authority which discloses:

- (a) whether or not there has been, and
- (b) if there has been, the substance of, any untested allegation, charge, finding or admission of the commission of a criminal offence, or a breach of the rules in force in the applicable Province or diocese or denomination regarding the moral conduct of clergy and lay persons undertaking ministry, including rules relating to sexual conduct and conduct towards children and vulnerable adults;

licensed clergy means clergy issued with a licence;

medical assessment means consideration of a medical report of the person by a registered medical practitioner;

National Register means the National Register established under the National Register Canon 2007;

national register assessment means a check whether there is any information about the person entered in the National Register, and if so consideration of that information;

Persons of Concern Policy means the Policy for Safe Ministry in a parish where there is a risk of sexual abuse by a Person of Concern as tabled at the 17th ordinary session of the General Synod held in 2017;

professional standards personnel means clergy and church workers performing a professional standards role;

Province means a member church of the Anglican Consultative Council other than this Church and includes part of a Province;

provincial authority means the person or body in a Province having authority to ordain, license, elect, appoint, dismiss or suspend a member of the clergy or a lay person of that Province;

psychological assessment means consideration of a psychological report that includes an assessment of psychosexual maturity of the person by a registered psychologist;

responsible authority means:

- (a) a provincial authority; or
- (b) a diocesan authority; or
- (c) a denominational authority;

risk assessment means a risk assessment provided by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion Screening Unit of South Australia;

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safe ministry assessment means consideration of the person's completed Safe Ministry Check, and if applicable referees' completed Safe Ministry Checks;

Safe Ministry Check means a check that includes the applicable Safe Ministry Check as tabled at the 17th ordinary session of the General Synod held in 2017;

safe ministry personnel means clergy and church workers performing a safe ministry role;

Safe Ministry Training National Benchmarks means the Safe Ministry Training National Benchmarks as tabled at the 17th ordinary session of the General Synod held in 2017;

screening authority means:

- (a) in the case of a person to be ordained as a deacon, or a member of the clergy to be licensed, or a church worker to be licensed or authorised, the bishop of the diocese or his or her delegate; or
- (b) in the case of a member of the clergy to be elected or appointed as the bishop of the diocese, the electing or appointing body or its delegate; or
- (c) in the case of a church worker to undertake paid or voluntary ministry to children, the appointing person or body or their delegate; or
- (d) in the case of a professional standards personnel and safe ministry personnel, the electing or appointing body or its delegate.

PART 2 - STANDARDS OF SCREENING

Application

- 2.
 - (1) This Part applies to all persons ordained as deacons, or licensed as clergy, appointed or elected as the bishop of a diocese, or licensed or authorised or appointed as church workers, after this Part comes into force.
 - (2) This Part so far as it requires a working with children check, or a working with vulnerable people check by reason that the person has contact with a child as part of engaging in a regulated activity, or a criminal history assessment, or a risk assessment, applies to all persons licensed as clergy, appointed or elected as the bishop of a diocese, or licensed or authorised or appointed as church workers, when this Part comes into force.
 - (3) This Part so far as it requires a national register assessment and a safe ministry assessment by the screening authority applies to all persons licensed as clergy, appointed or elected as the bishop of a diocese, or licensed or authorised or appointed as church workers, when this Part comes into force, except where the screening authority is reasonably satisfied this has previously been done, and where not so satisfied provided that these assessments are undertaken by 1 January 2021.

- (4) Subject to subclauses (2) and (3), this Part does not apply to persons ordained as deacons, licensed as clergy, appointed or elected as the bishop of a diocese, or licensed or authorised or appointed as church workers, when this Part comes into force.

Deacons

3. The standards of screening for a person to be ordained as a deacon are:
- (1) the person holds an unconditional working with children check, or an unconditional working with vulnerable people check by reason that the person has contact with a child as part of engaging in a regulated activity, where required by the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory; and
 - (2) the following assessments by the screening authority:
 - (a) where a working with children check, or a working with vulnerable people check by reason that the person has contact with a child as part of engaging in a regulated activity, is not required by the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory, a criminal history assessment or a risk assessment;
 - (b) a national register assessment;
 - (c) a safe ministry assessment;
 - (d) a medical assessment;
 - (e) a psychological assessment; and
 - (f) where the person was previously authorised for ministry in a Province or in another diocese of this Church or another denomination, a church ministry assessment, except where reasonably satisfied this has previously been done.

Licensed clergy or the bishop of the diocese

4. The standards of screening for a member of the clergy to be licensed, or to be elected or appointed as the bishop of the diocese, are:
- (1) the person holds an unconditional working with children check, or an unconditional working with vulnerable people check by reason that the person has contact with a child as part of engaging in a regulated activity, where required by the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory; and
 - (2) the following assessments by the screening authority:
 - (a) where a working with children check, or a working with vulnerable people check by reason that the person has contact with a child as part of engaging in a regulated activity, is not required by the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory, a criminal history assessment or a risk assessment;
 - (b) a national register assessment;
 - (c) a safe ministry assessment; and
 - (d) where the person was previously authorised for ministry in a Province or in another diocese of this Church or another denomination, a church ministry assessment, except where reasonably satisfied this has previously been done.

Licensed, authorised or paid church workers

5. The standards of screening for church workers to be licensed or authorised or to undertake paid ministry to children are:

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- (1) the person holds an unconditional working with children check, or an unconditional working with vulnerable people check by reason that the person has contact with a child as part of engaging in a regulated activity, where required by the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory; and
- (2) the following assessments by the screening authority:
 - (a) where a working with children check, or a working with vulnerable people check by reason that the person has contact with a child as part of engaging in a regulated activity, is not required by the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory, a criminal history assessment or a risk assessment;
 - (b) a national register assessment;
 - (c) a safe ministry assessment; and
 - (d) where the person was previously authorised for ministry in a Province or in another diocese of this Church or another denomination, a church ministry assessment, except where reasonably satisfied this has previously been done.

Voluntary church workers

6. The standards of screening for church workers, who are not professional standards personnel and safe ministry personnel, to undertake voluntary ministry to children are:
 - (1) the person holds:
 - (a) an unconditional working with children check, or
 - (b) an unconditional working with vulnerable people check by reason that the person has contact with a child as part of engaging in a regulated activity, or
 - (c) a conditional working with children check that authorises the voluntary ministry to be undertaken, or
 - (d) a conditional working with vulnerable people check by reason that the person has contact with a child as part of engaging in a regulated activity that authorises the voluntary ministry to be undertaken,where required by the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory; and
 - (2) the following assessments by the screening authority:
 - (a) where a working with children check, or a working with vulnerable people check by reason that the person has contact with a child as part of engaging in a regulated activity, is not required by the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory, a criminal history assessment where a National Police History Check can be applied for by a volunteer or a risk assessment;
 - (b) a national register assessment; and
 - (c) a safe ministry assessment.

Professional standards personnel and safe ministry personnel

7. The standards of screening for professional standards personnel, and safe ministry personnel, who have not otherwise been screened as a deacon, a licensed member of the clergy, the bishop of the diocese, or a licensed, authorized, paid or voluntary church worker, are a national register assessment by the screening authority.

Creation and retention of records

8. Accurate records of the screening of clergy and church workers are to be created and maintained in a secure manner.

PART 3 - STANDARDS OF TRAINING

Application

9. (1) This Part applies to all persons ordained as deacons, or licensed as clergy, appointed or elected as the bishop of a diocese, or licensed or authorised or appointed as church workers, or elected or appointed as professional standards personnel or safe ministry personnel, after this Part comes into force.
- (2) This Part applies to all persons licensed as clergy, appointed or elected as the bishop of a diocese, or licensed or authorised or appointed as church workers, or elected or appointed as professional standards personnel or safe ministry personnel, when this Part comes into force, provided that accredited training is undertaken by 1 January 2021.

Accredited training

10. The standards of training for clergy and church workers are satisfactory completion of accredited training:
- (1) (a) by the bishop of the diocese, within three years prior to his or her election or appointment, or in exceptional circumstances prior to his or her installation; or
- (b) by deacons, licensed clergy, and licensed, authorised, paid and voluntary church workers, within three years prior to being ordained, licensed, or authorised, or appointed to undertake ministry to children, except where the bishop of the diocese or his or her delegate is satisfied there are exceptional circumstances and in such case the training is to be completed as soon as practicable but not later than three months after being ordained, licensed, or authorised, or appointed to undertake ministry to children; or
- (c) by professional standards personnel, who are not a deacon, a licensed member of the clergy, the bishop of the diocese, or a licensed, authorised and paid church worker, within three years prior to election or appointment to a professional standards role; or
- (d) by safe ministry personnel, who are not a deacon, a licensed member of the clergy, the bishop of the diocese, or a licensed, authorised and paid church worker, within three years prior to election or appointment to a safe ministry role; and
- (2) by clergy and church workers in paragraph (a), at intervals of not more than three years after prior satisfactory completion of accredited training.

Creation and retention of records

11. Accurate records of the satisfactory completion of accredited training by clergy and church workers are to be created and maintained in a secure manner.

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PART 4 - STANDARDS FOR SAFE MINISTRY WITH PERSONS OF CONCERN

Standards

12. (1) The standards for safe ministry with a Person of Concern in a parish are the actions required to implement the process specified in section 5 of the Persons of Concern Policy.
- (2) The standards for safe ministry with a Person of Concern in a congregation are the actions required to implement the process specified in section 5 of the Persons of Concern Policy as adapted by a diocesan safe ministry authority to apply to a congregation.

Creation and retention of records

13. Accurate records relating to the implementation of the Persons of Concern Policy in respect of each Person of Concern are to be created and maintained in a secure manner.

PART 5 - COMING INTO FORCE OF PARTICULAR PROVISIONS

14. (1) Parts 2 (except paragraph (b) of clause 6(2)) and 3 when read with Part 1 of this Schedule shall come into force on 1 January 2018.
- (2) Paragraph (b) of clause 6(2) when read with Part 1 of this Schedule shall come into force on a date determined by the Standing Committee.
- (3) Part 4 when read with Part 1 of this Schedule shall come into force on 1 January 2019.

THIRD SCHEDULE

Protocol for the disclosure of ministry suitability information between the churches of the Anglican Communion

Definitions

1. In this Protocol:

Assessing Province means the Province in which a Church authority is to assess whether the Church worker should be authorised for ministry;

Authorising Province means the Province or Provinces in which the Church worker is authorised, or has previously been authorised, to undertake ministry by a Church authority;

Church authority means the person or body responsible for authorising Church workers to undertake ministry in the Authorising Province or the Assessing Province;

Church worker means a member of the clergy or a lay person who:

- (a) is authorised, or has previously been authorised, to undertake ministry by a Church authority of the Authorising Province; and
- (b) has applied to undertake authorised ministry, or has been nominated for appointment to a position or office involving the undertaking of authorised ministry, in the Assessing Province;

Ministry Suitability Information means a written statement by a Church authority of the Authorising Province about the Church worker that discloses:

- (a) whether or not there has been; and
- (b) if so, the substance of;
any allegation, charge, finding or admission of the commission of a criminal offence, or the breach of the Authorising Province's rules regarding the moral conduct of clergy and lay persons undertaking ministry, including rules relating to sexual conduct and conduct towards children and vulnerable adults;

Province includes part of a Province.

System for the disclosure of Ministry Suitability Information by the Authorising Province

- 2. The Authorising Province will have and maintain a system for the disclosure of Ministry Suitability Information about a Church worker of the Province to the applicable Church authority of the Assessing Province that includes the following requirements:
 - (a) the applicable Church authority of the Province is to promptly deal with an application by the applicable Church authority of the Assessing Province for the disclosure of Ministry Suitability Information; and
 - (b) the applicable Church authority of the Province is to disclose the Ministry Suitability Information to the applicable Church authority of the Assessing Province.

System for assessing the suitability of a Church worker for authorised ministry in the Assessing Province

- 3. The Assessing Province will have and maintain a system for the assessment of the suitability of a Church worker to undertake authorised ministry in the Province that includes the following requirements:
 - (a) the applicable Church authority is to make an application to the Authorising Province for Ministry Suitability Information;
 - (b) the applicable Church authority is not to authorise the Church worker to undertake ministry in the Province unless and until it has carried out an assessment of whether the Church worker is a risk to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of people that takes into account the Ministry Suitability Information disclosed by the Authorising Province; and
 - (c) the applicable Church authority is to keep the Ministry Suitability Information confidential, except where its disclosure:
 - (i) is required by law; or
 - (ii) is reasonably believed to be necessary to protect any person from the risk of being harmed by the Church worker; or
 - (iii) is necessary for the purpose of undertaking the assessment of whether the Church worker is suitable to undertake authorised ministry in the Province or any disciplinary action against the Church worker.

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EPISCOPAL STANDARDS (CHILD PROTECTION) CANON 2017

Canon 5, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

- 1 This Canon is the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017.

Definitions

- 2 (1) In this Canon, unless the context otherwise requires:
- assistant to the Primate** means any bishop assistant to the Primate in the Primate's capacity as Primate;
 - Bishop** means a bishop who is or was a member of the House of Bishops or an assistant to the Primate;
 - child** has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;
 - child abuse** has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;
 - complying ordinance** means an ordinance of a diocese relating to episcopal standards or professional standards in which examinable conduct or misconduct which may give rise to a question of fitness to be determined by the board constituted under that ordinance is defined as including examinable conduct as defined in this canon and which applies to a Bishop;
 - examinable conduct** means:
 - (a) in relation to a Bishop who is a member of the House of Bishops or assistant to the Primate, any conduct or omission, other than exempt conduct, involving:
 - (i) child abuse; or
 - (ii) conduct that impedes or undermines a professional standards process; or
 - (iii) the failure without reasonable excuse to perform a function under a professional standards process; or
 - (iv) the failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the laws of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory requiring the reporting of child abuse to the police or other authority;wherever or whenever occurring, and the subject of information which, if established, might call into question the fitness of the Bishop to hold office or to remain in Holy Orders, but excludes any breach of faith, ritual or ceremonial;
 - (b) in relation to a Bishop who was a member of the House of Bishops or an assistant to the Primate, any conduct or omission involving:
 - (i) child abuse; or
 - (ii) conduct that impedes or undermines a professional standards process; or
 - (iii) the failure without reasonable excuse to perform a function under a professional standards process; or
 - (iv) the failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the laws of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory requiring the reporting of child abuse to the police or other authority;

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occurring while a member of the House of Bishops or assistant to the Primate whether before or after the commencement of this canon, and the subject of information which, if established, might call into question the fitness of the Bishop to hold office or to remain in Holy Orders, but excludes any breach of faith, ritual or ceremonial;

exempt conduct means any conduct or omission which would be examinable conduct, had not the Bishop disclosed the material facts of such conduct to the ordaining bishop prior to the Bishop's ordination as a deacon;

former Bishop means a Bishop whose conduct falls within paragraph (b) of the definition of examinable conduct;

professional standards process means a process for determining the fitness for office of clergy or lay persons under any canon of the General Synod or diocesan ordinance or a process under Chapter IX of the Constitution, where the conduct that is the subject of the process relates to child abuse;

relevant diocesan bishop in relation to a former Bishop means the bishop of the diocese in which the former Bishop is licensed or resides.

- (2) Where there is examinable conduct in relation to a former Bishop, the examinable conduct extends to any other conduct or omission of the former Bishop that falls within subparagraphs (i) to (iv) of paragraph (b) of the definition of examinable conduct (other than exempt conduct), but occurring before or after any period in which the Bishop was a member of the House of Bishops or an assistant to the Primate, and is the subject of information that, if established, together with the relevant conduct or omission occurring while a member of the House of Bishops or assistant to the Primate, might call into question the fitness of the Bishop to hold office or to remain in Holy Orders (but excluding any breach of faith, ritual or ceremonial).

Application of specified provisions of the Episcopal Standards Canon 2007

- 3 (1) The following provisions of the Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 are incorporated in this canon as if they were set out in full in this Canon and were limited to examinable conduct as defined in this Canon:
- (a) section 2 other than the definitions of "Bishop" and "examinable conduct"; and with the following amendments to the definition of "relevant Metropolitan":
- (i) substitute for paragraph (b) "in relation to any other member of the House of Bishops or an assistant to the Primate, the Primate;"
- (ii) insert paragraph (c) after paragraph (b):
- "(c) in relation to a former Bishop:
- (i) the Metropolitan of the Province in which the Bishop is licensed or resides; or
- (ii) if the Bishop is licensed or resides in an extra-provincial diocese, the Primate."
- (b) Parts 2 to 7 and 9 modified as follows:
- (i) substitute ";" for "." at the end of paragraph (k) of section 7 and insert after paragraph (k):
- "(l) to have carriage under this Canon of the referral of a question to the Board from an equivalent body to the ESC under a complying ordinance."
- (ii) delete paragraph (d) of section 16 and section 51(2);
- (iii) insert after "section 16" in section 19(1) "or pursuant to a corresponding provision of a complying ordinance";

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- (iv) insert subsection (3) after subsection (2) of section 19:

“(3) Where there is a referral of a question to the Board from an equivalent body to the ESC under a complying ordinance, if the equivalent body would have, but for this Canon, referred at the same time other complaints against the Bishop to the board constituted under the complying ordinance in respect of conduct that does not fall within examinable conduct as defined in this Canon which might call into question the fitness of the Bishop to hold office or to remain in Holy Orders, the equivalent body may refer to the Board, and the Board may determine, the question arising from the conduct other than the examinable conduct in conjunction with the question arising from the examinable conduct.”
- (v) substitute “,” for “.” at the end of paragraph (k) of section 49 and insert after paragraph (k):

“(l) determine that the Bishop be prohibited, either temporarily or permanently, from functioning as a bishop or as a bishop and priest; or

(m) determine the Bishop be deposed from the exercise of Holy Orders.”
- (vi) delete “and” at the end of paragraph (d) of section 50 and insert after paragraph (d):

“(e) to the ESC;

(f) where appropriate, to any relevant complainant;

(g) in the case of a former Bishop, to the relevant diocesan bishop; and”
- (vii) insert section 50A after section 50:

“50A The relevant Metropolitan and, where applicable, the relevant diocesan bishop, is authorised and must give effect to the determination of the Board.”
- (c) Part 8 modified as follows:
 - (i) delete the definitions of “Review Tribunal”; “the appropriate state professional body” and “the relevant Chancellor” in section 52;
 - (ii) insert the following definition in section 52:

“**Review Board** means the Episcopal Standards Review Board constituted for the purposes of this Part.”
 - (iii) delete sections 53, 55, 63 and 66;
 - (iv) delete section 54 and substitute:

“54 A Bishop or the ESC, if aggrieved by a reviewable decision, may appeal by notice to the General Secretary.”

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- (v) insert a new section 55:

“55(1) The Review Board will be constituted from the members of the panel referred to in section 20 and the members of the panel to be convened for an appeal to the Review Board will be determined by whichever of the President or the Deputy President was not a member of the Board which made the determination that is the subject of the appeal, as soon as possible after the appeal is notified to the President or Deputy President.

(2) For the purpose of an appeal, the Review Board shall consist of the President or Deputy President, who shall be the presiding member, and an equal number not exceeding two from the episcopal members and two from the other members of the panel who were not members of the Board which made the determination that is the subject of the appeal.

(3) Subsections (3) to (5) of section 23, subsection (1) of section 24, sections 25 to 27, 29 and 31 to 33, subsections (2) and (3) of section 36, and sections 41(1), 42, 45 and 46 apply to an appeal to the Review Board, as if the reference to the Board is a reference to the Review Board.”

- (vi) substitute “appeal” for “application to review” in sections 56 to 58 and 65 and for “review” in paragraph (b) of section 61 and in section 64;
(vii) substitute “notice of appeal” for “application” in paragraph (a) of section 58 and for “application for review” in section 61;
(viii) delete section 59 and substitute:

“59 If the Review Board on appeal confirms, varies or makes another determination in substitution for a reviewable decision, the Review Board must cause the details of the confirmed, varied or substituted determination to be forwarded to the General Secretary and the persons referred to in section 50 and the General Secretary shall cause relevant details to be forwarded for entry into the national register.”

- (ix) substitute “the Review Board” for “the Review Tribunal”, “a Review Tribunal”, or “the Tribunal” wherever occurring;
(x) delete the first sentence in section 61 and substitute:

“An appeal against the reviewable decision must be made within 28 days of a copy of the Board’s determination under section 50 being provided to the Bishop and the ESC.”

- (xi) insert “General Secretary” for “Director” in paragraph (a) of section 61 and in section 62;
(xii) in section 65, insert “and making another determination in substitution for it” at the end of paragraph (a), omit paragraphs (c) and (d), and insert “or varying” after “confirming” in paragraph (e);
(xiii) delete section 67 and substitute:

“67 The appeal shall be by way of rehearing.”

- (2) The Episcopal Standards Board established by Part 6 of the Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 is the Episcopal Standards Board for the purpose of this Canon.

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Coming into force by adoption

- 4 The provisions of this Canon affect the order and good government of this Church within a diocese and do not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese adopts this canon by ordinance of the synod of the diocese.
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CONSTITUTION (JURISDICTION OF SPECIAL TRIBUNAL)

CONSTITUTION (JURISDICTION OF SPECIAL TRIBUNAL) AMENDMENT CANON 2017

Canon 6, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This canon is the Constitution (Jurisdiction of Special Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017.

Extending the jurisdiction of the Special Tribunal to former members of the House of Bishops and bishops assistant to the Primate

2. Insert at the end of subsection (6) of section 56 of the Constitution:
“; and
(c) any former member of the House of Bishops and any former bishop assistant to the Primate in the Primate’s capacity as Primate of such offences as may be specified by canon in respect of conduct while a member of the House of Bishops or assistant to the Primate.”

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OFFENCES AMENDMENT

OFFENCES AMENDMENT CANON 2017

Canon 7, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This canon is the Offences Amendment Canon 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this canon principal canon means the Offences Canon 1962.

Additional offences

3. (1) Insert at the conclusion of section 1 of the principal canon:
 - “7. Child abuse.
 8. Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory requiring the reporting of child abuse to the police or other authority.”
- (2) Insert at the conclusion of section 2 of the principal canon:
 - “7. Child abuse.
 8. Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory requiring the reporting of child abuse to the police or other authority.
 9. Failure to comply with a direction of the Episcopal Standards Board established under the Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 or the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017 or any other Board established under an ordinance of a provincial synod or diocesan synod for dealing with the fitness of a bishop to hold office or to be or remain in Holy Orders.”

Special Tribunal’s jurisdiction in respect of current bishops

4. Insert “paragraphs (a) and (b) of” before “section 56(6)” where it occurs second in section 2 of the principal canon.

Special Tribunal's jurisdiction in respect of former bishops

5. Insert after section 2 of the principal canon:

“2A. The Special Tribunal may hear and determine charges against any person referred to in paragraph (c) of section 56(6) of the Constitution made in respect of the following offences committed while a member of the House of Bishops or assistant to the Primate:

1. Wilful violation of the constitution or of the canons made thereunder or of the ordinances of provincial synod or of the bishop's diocesan synod relating to child abuse.
2. Child abuse.
3. Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory requiring the reporting of child abuse to the police or other authority.
4. Conduct relating to child abuse (whenever the child abuse occurred),
 - (a) which would be disgraceful if committed by a member of the clergy, and
 - (b) which at the time the charge is preferred is productive, or if known publicly would be productive, of scandal or evil report.

2B. In this canon, unless the context otherwise requires, **child abuse** has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007.”

Application of offences inserted by the Offences Amendment Canon 2017

6. Insert after section 3 of the principal canon:

“4 The offences added to this canon by the Offences Amendment Canon 2017 apply to conduct committed after the date the Offences Amendment Canon 2017 was passed by the General Synod.”

Order and good government

7. The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of the church within a diocese and do not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese by ordinance adopts the canon.
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REDRESS FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE CANON 2017

Canon 8, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

16. This canon is the Redress for Survivors of Abuse Canon 2017.

Object

17. The object of this canon is to make provision for the co-ordination and management of redress:
- (a) for survivors of child sexual abuse perpetrated by Offenders through participation in a Commonwealth redress scheme; and
 - (b) for survivors of abuse perpetrated by Offenders, including survivors of child sexual abuse who are unable or unwilling to participate in a Commonwealth redress scheme.

Interpretation

18. In this canon, unless the context otherwise requires:

Commonwealth redress scheme means a scheme established by the Commonwealth to implement the recommendations in the Redress and Civil Litigation Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse;

Offenders means clergy, lay workers and volunteers of Participants who commit abuse in the course of their official responsibilities;

Participants means:

- (a) dioceses and organisations of this Church, and other entities approved by Standing Committee, that voluntarily elect to become members of a company registered in accordance with section 4; or
- (b) the company or dioceses and organisations of this Church that voluntarily elect to participate, and other entities that participate, in an entity or scheme authorised in accordance with section 7.

Registration of a company

19. The Standing Committee is authorised to arrange for the registration of a company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) to co-ordinate and manage redress:

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- (a) for survivors of child sexual abuse perpetrated by Offenders through participation in a Commonwealth redress scheme; and/or
 - (b) for survivors of abuse perpetrated by Offenders, including survivors of child sexual abuse who are unable or unwilling to participate in a Commonwealth redress scheme;
- on behalf of Participants.

Constitution of the company

- 5. The constitution of the company must provide that:
 - (a) a member of the company is not liable for the payment of any amount in settlement of a claim for redress against another member; and
 - (b) amendments to the constitution of the company must be approved by the Standing Committee.

Powers of the Standing Committee in relation to the company

- 6. The Standing Committee is further authorised:
 - (a) to approve the constitution of the company;
 - (b) to approve the initial members of the company;
 - (c) to approve arrangements for entities other than dioceses and organisations of this Church to become members of the company;
 - (d) to do such things as the constitution of the company requires of it;
 - (e) to do such other things as are incidental or conducive to the registration, governance or management of the company; and
 - (f) to consent to any future amendment of the constitution of the company.

Participation in an entity or scheme

- 7. The Standing Committee is authorised to arrange for the participation of the company, or dioceses and organisations of this Church, in another entity or scheme which is established to co-ordinate and manage redress:
 - (a) for survivors of child sexual abuse perpetrated by Offenders through participation in a Commonwealth redress scheme; and/or
 - (b) for survivors of abuse perpetrated by Offenders, including survivors of child sexual abuse who are unable or unwilling to participate in a Commonwealth redress scheme;on behalf of Participants.

Powers of the Standing Committee in relation to the entity or scheme

- 8. (1) The Standing Committee is further authorised:
 - (a) subject to subsection (2), to approve the terms for participation in the entity or scheme; and
 - (b) to do such other things as are incidental or conducive to the participation in the entity or scheme.
- (2) The Standing Committee must not approve a term for participation in an entity or scheme which provides that a Participant is liable for the payment of any amount in settlement of a claim for redress against another Participant.

REDRESS FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

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DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION CANON 2017

Canon 9, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

20. This canon is the Disclosure of Information Canon 2017.

Object

21. The object of this canon is:
- (a) to implement the Protocol so far as it provides for the disclosure of information to the person or body in a Province responsible for authorising church workers to undertake ministry;
 - (b) to provide for the disclosure of information to the bishop of another diocese of this Church or a person or body of another denomination having authority to ordain, license, elect, appoint, dismiss or suspend a member of the clergy or a lay person of that diocese or that denomination.

Interpretation

22. In this canon, unless the context otherwise requires:

authorise means authorise by a licence or other similar authority;

church worker means a member of the clergy or a lay person who is authorised, or has previously been authorised, to undertake ministry by a diocesan authority;

denominational authority means a person or body of another denomination having authority to ordain, license, elect, appoint, dismiss or suspend a member of the clergy or a lay person of that denomination;

diocesan authority means a person or body of diocese of this Church having authority to ordain, license, elect, appoint, dismiss or suspend a member of the clergy or a lay person of that diocese;

information means a written statement by a diocesan authority which discloses:

- (a) whether or not there has been, and
- (b) if there has been, the substance of, any untested allegation, charge, finding or admission of the commission of a criminal offence, or a breach of the rules in force in the diocese regarding the moral conduct of clergy and lay persons undertaking ministry, including rules relating to sexual conduct and conduct towards children and vulnerable adults;

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prescribed person means a provincial authority or a diocesan authority or a denominational authority who is reasonably believed to:

- (a) be considering whether to employ or appoint the church worker to an office, licence or position of responsibility; or
- (b) be determining whether the church worker is suitable to remain in employment or to hold an office, licence or position of responsibility; or
- (c) have the role of recommending or taking disciplinary action against, or recommending or determining the fitness for office of, the church worker under a process being contemplated or taken against the church worker;

prescribed authority means the bishop of a diocese of this Church;

Protocol means the Protocol for the disclosure of ministry suitability information between the churches of the Anglican Communion which the Anglican Consultative Council referred to in resolution 16.27 passed in 2016, and the text of which is set out in the Schedule;

Province means a member church of the Anglican Consultative Council other than this Church and includes part of a Province;

provincial authority means a person or body in a Province having authority to ordain, license, elect, appoint, dismiss or suspend a member of the clergy or a lay person of that Province.

Request for information

23. (1) When the General Secretary receives an application for information about a church worker from a prescribed person, whether directly or through a prescribed authority or otherwise, he or she must as soon as practicable:
- (a) forward the application for information to any prescribed authority who, or a predecessor of whom, is recorded in the application as having previously authorised the church worker to undertake ministry; and
 - (b) where permitted by a protocol under the National Register Canon 2007 provide an extract from the National Register relating to the church worker to the prescribed person, except where disclosure of the information is unlawful or is reasonably believed to be likely to give rise to legal liability.
- (2) When a prescribed authority receives an application for information about a church worker from a prescribed person he or she must advise the General Secretary as soon as practicable of the application.
- (3) A prescribed authority, upon receiving an application for information about a church worker from the General Secretary or a prescribed person, must reasonably endeavour to provide the information as soon as practicable to the prescribed person, except where disclosure of the information is unlawful or is reasonably believed to be likely to give rise to legal liability.

Consent of the church worker to disclose information

24. A church worker in respect of whom an application for information by a prescribed person is received by the General Secretary or a prescribed authority is deemed to have given consent to the disclosure of information to the prescribed person.

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Protocol for the disclosure of ministry suitability information between the churches of the Anglican Communion

Definitions

1. In this Protocol:

Assessing Province means the Province in which a Church authority is to assess whether the Church worker should be authorised for ministry;

Authorising Province means the Province or Provinces in which the Church worker is authorised, or has previously been authorised, to undertake ministry by a Church authority;

Church authority means the person or body responsible for authorising Church workers to undertake ministry in the Authorising Province or the Assessing Province;

Church worker means a member of the clergy or a lay person who:

- (a) is authorised, or has previously been authorised, to undertake ministry by a Church authority of the Authorising Province; and
- (b) has applied to undertake authorised ministry, or has been nominated for appointment to a position or office involving the undertaking of authorised ministry, in the Assessing Province;

Ministry Suitability Information means a written statement by a Church authority of the Authorising Province about the Church worker that discloses:

- (a) whether or not there has been; and
- (b) if so, the substance of;
any allegation, charge, finding or admission of the commission of a criminal offence, or the breach of the Authorising Province's rules regarding the moral conduct of clergy and lay persons undertaking ministry, including rules relating to sexual conduct and conduct towards children and vulnerable adults;

Province includes part of a Province.

System for the disclosure of Ministry Suitability Information by the Authorising Province

2. The Authorising Province will have and maintain a system for the disclosure of Ministry Suitability Information about a Church worker of the Province to the applicable Church authority of the Assessing Province that includes the following requirements:
 - (a) the applicable Church authority of the Province is to promptly deal with an application by the applicable Church authority of the Assessing Province for the disclosure of Ministry Suitability Information; and
 - (b) the applicable Church authority of the Province is to disclose the Ministry Suitability Information to the applicable Church authority of the Assessing Province.

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System for assessing the suitability of a Church worker for authorised ministry in the Assessing Province

3. The Assessing Province will have and maintain a system for the assessment of the suitability of a Church worker to undertake authorised ministry in the Province that includes the following requirements:
- (a) the applicable Church authority is to make an application to the Authorising Province for Ministry Suitability Information;
 - (b) the applicable Church authority is not to authorise the Church worker to undertake ministry in the Province unless and until it has carried out an assessment of whether the Church worker is a risk to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of people that takes into account the Ministry Suitability Information disclosed by the Authorising Province; and
 - (c) the applicable Church authority is to keep the Ministry Suitability Information confidential, except where its disclosure:
 - (i) is required by law; or
 - (ii) is reasonably believed to be necessary to protect any person from the risk of being harmed by the Church worker; or
 - (iii) is necessary for the purpose of undertaking the assessment of whether the Church worker is suitable to undertake authorised ministry in the Province or any disciplinary action against the Church worker.

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NATIONAL REGISTER AMENDMENT CANON 2017

Canon 10, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

- 1 (1) This canon is the National Register Amendment Canon 2017.
- (2) In this canon, the **principal canon** is the National Register Canon 2007.

Amendment of section 5

- 2 Section 5 of the principal canon is amended by deleting “working with children” in paragraph (d) of subsection (1).

Amendment of section 6

- 3 Section 6 of the principal canon is amended by deleting “working with children” in paragraph (c) of subsection (1).

Amendment of section 8

- 4 Section 8 of the principal canon is amended by:
 - (a) in subsection (1), deleting “notify the General Secretary of Information” and substituting “enter Information in the National Register”;
 - (b) deleting subsection (2);
 - (c) renumbering subsection (3) as subsection (2) and in the renumbered subsection (2) deleting “notified” and substituting “entered”;
 - (d) renumbering subsection (4) as subsection (3) and in the renumbered subsection (3):
 - (e) in paragraph (a), deleting “(3)” and substituting “(2)”;
 - (f) in paragraph (b), deleting “(6)” and substituting “(5)”;
 - (g) renumbering subsection (5) as subsection (4) and in the renumbered subsection (4) deleting “(3)” and substituting “(2)”;
 - (h) renumbering subsection (6) as subsection (5) and in the renumbered subsection (5)(a) deleting “(5)” and substituting “(4)”.

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Amendment of section 15

- 5 Section 15 of the principal canon is amended by:
- (a) in subsection (2)(b), deleting “a person” and substituting “an independent person”;
 - (b) adding the following subsections:
 - (3) Each diocese shall provide access to such of its records and provide such information as requested by the independent person undertaking the audit as is reasonably necessary to enable the audit to be undertaken.
 - (4) The General Secretary shall, as soon as practicable after the report of the audit has been provided to the Standing Committee, publish the report on the General Synod website.

Amendment of the First Schedule

- 6 The First Schedule of the principal canon is amended by deleting “working with children” in paragraph 18.

Amendment of the Second Schedule

- 7 The Second Schedule of the principal canon is amended by deleting “details” and “working with children” in paragraph 13.

Amendment of the Third Schedule

- 8 The Third Schedule of the principal canon is amended by:
- (a) deleting the punctuation at the beginning and end of the defined words and expressions;
 - (b) inserting the following definition after the definition of “adverse admission”:
adverse check means the cancellation, revocation, suspension of, and refusal to issue, a working with children check, or a working with vulnerable people check on account of known or suspected child abuse or sexual misconduct;
 - (c) deleting the definition of “adverse working with children check”;
 - (d) deleting the definition of “bullying” and substituting the following definition:
bullying means behaviour directed to a person which:
 - (a) is repeated;
 - (b) is unreasonable (being behaviour that a reasonable person, having considered the circumstances, would see as unreasonable, including behaviour that is victimising, humiliating, intimidating or threatening); and
 - (c) creates a risk to the person’s health and safety;
 - (e) in the definition of “child abuse”:
 - (i) inserting “sexual exploitation,” after “sexual assault” in paragraph (a)(v);
 - (ii) inserting “or” at the end of paragraph (a)(vi); and
 - (iii) inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph (a)(vi):
 - (vii) grooming; or
 - (viii) a child offence; or
 - (ix) failure without reasonable excuse to report child abuse;

- (f) inserting the following definition after the definition of “child exploitation material”:
 - child offence** means conduct that amounts to a criminal offence against the laws of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory, or another country which is equivalent to a criminal offence of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory involving the failure to disclose a sexual offence committed against a child to the police;
- (g) in the definition of “Church body”, deleting “formed by or by the authority of the synod of a province or a diocese or” and substituting “, and is controlled by a diocese or province or”;
- (h) in paragraph (c)(iii) of the definition of “Church worker”, deleting “incorporated by the General Synod, a diocese or a diocesan synod” and substituting “controlled by a diocese or province or the General Synod”;
- (i) inserting the following definitions after the definition of “clergy”:
 - controlled by a diocese or province or the General Synod** means that the majority of the members of the body with management responsibility is elected or appointed:
 - (a) in the case of a diocese, under an ordinance of the diocese, or under the constitution of the Church body by one or more of the bishop, the diocesan synod and the diocesan council;
 - (b) in the case of a province, under an ordinance of the province, or under the constitution of the Church body by one or more of the metropolitan, the provincial synod and the provincial council;
 - (c) in the case of the General Synod, under a canon of the General Synod, or under the constitution of the Church body by one or more of the Primate, the General Synod and the Standing Committee;
- (j) inserting the following definitions after the definition of “General Secretary”:
 - grooming** means conduct deliberately undertaken with the aim of engaging and influencing a person for the purpose of sexual activity;
 - independent person** means a person who:
 - (a) is not a member of the clergy; or church worker; and
 - (b) has experience in undertaking audits of a similar nature to an audit of the operation of the National Register;
- (k) in the definition of “sexual exploitation”, deleting “an adult” and substituting “a person”;
- (l) inserting the following definitions after the definition of “Safe Ministry Check”:
 - sexual assault** means any intentional or reckless act, use of force or threat to use force involving some form of sexual activity against a person;
 - (a) without their consent: or
 - (b) with their consent in circumstances where consent is not a defence to such conduct under the applicable laws:
 - (i) of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory; or
 - (ii) of another country where those laws are of a substantially similar nature to laws of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory which provide that consent is not a defence to such conduct;
- (m) inserting the following definitions after the definition of “sexual exploitation”:
 - sexual harassment** means:
 - (a) an unwelcome sexual advance, or an unwelcome request for sexual favours, by a person to another person, or
 - (b) other unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature by a person in relation to another person,

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whether intended or not, in circumstances in which a reasonable person, having regard to all the circumstances, would have anticipated that the other person would be offended, humiliated or intimidated;

sexually inappropriate behaviour means conduct of a sexual nature, other than sexual assault, sexual exploitation or sexual harassment, or grooming, which is inconsistent with the standards of sexual conduct applicable to clergy or church workers;

- (n) deleting the definition of “sexual misconduct” and substituting the following definition:

sexual misconduct means the following conduct in relation to an adult:

- (a) sexual assault; or
- (b) sexual exploitation; or
- (c) sexual harassment; or
- (d) sexually inappropriate behaviour; or
- (e) grooming;

- (o) inserting the following definition after the definition of “Standing Committee”:

failure without reasonable excuse to report child abuse means the failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory requiring the reporting of child abuse to the police or other authority;

- (p) deleting the definition of “working with children check” and substituting the following definition:

working with children check means an authority to work with children issued under the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory;

- (q) inserting the following definition after the definition of “working with children check”:

working with vulnerable people check means registration to work with vulnerable people under the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory.

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SPECIAL TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT

SPECIAL TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT CANON 2017

Canon 11, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This canon is the Special Tribunal Amendment Canon 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this canon, the **principal canon** is the Special Tribunal Canon 2007.

Amendment of retiring age for members of the Episcopal Standards Commission

3. In paragraph (g) of section 5A of the principal canon for “72” substitute “75”.

Amendment of retiring age for a member of the panel for the Special Tribunal

4. In paragraph (h) of section 26(1) of the principal canon for “sixty-nine” substitute “75”.

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SPECIAL TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT

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SPECIAL TRIBUNAL (LIMITATION PERIOD)

SPECIAL TRIBUNAL (LIMITATION PERIOD) CANON 2017

Canon 12, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This canon is the Special Tribunal Amendment Canon 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this canon, the **principal canon** is the Special Tribunal Canon 2007.

Amendment of First Schedule

3. Delete paragraph 4 of the First Schedule to the principal canon.

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LONG SERVICE LEAVE (REVISION OF ENTITLEMENT)

LONG SERVICE LEAVE (REVISION OF ENTITLEMENT) CANON 2017

Canon 13, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This canon is the Long Service Leave (Revision of Entitlement) Canon 2017.

Commencement date

2. This canon comes into force on and from the date appointed by the President in accordance with section 30 of the Constitution.

Interpretation

3. In this canon, principal canon is the Long Service Leave Canon 2010.

Additional definitions

4. In section 1(1) of the Schedule to the principal canon, insert after the definition of “Qualifying Service”:

“ ‘Quarter’ means a period of three months ending on the last day of March, June, September or December;

‘Revised Entitlement Date’ means the last day of the quarter in which the *Long Service Leave (Revision of Entitlement) Canon 2017* comes into force;”.

Reduction in rate of leave for qualifying service after the Revised Entitlement Date

5. In section 33(1)(a) of the Schedule to the principal canon, delete subparagraph (ii) and substitute:

“(ii) at the rate of 13 weeks for 10 years qualifying service in respect of each year of qualifying service from and after the Commencement Date until and including the Revised Entitlement Date; and

(iii) at the rate of 10 weeks for 10 years qualifying service in respect of each year of qualifying service after the Revised Entitlement Date.”

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Reduction in rate of leave for subsequent qualifying service after the Revised Entitlement Date

6. In section 33(1)(b) of the Schedule to the principal canon, delete subparagraph (ii) and substitute:

“(ii) at the rate of 1.3 weeks for each year of qualifying service in respect of each year of qualifying service from and after the Commencement Date until and including the Revised Entitlement Date; and

(iii) at the rate of one week for each year of qualifying service in respect of each year of qualifying service after the Revised Entitlement Date.”

Consequential amendment to section 35(1)

7. In section 35(1) of the Schedule to the principal canon, delete “13” wherever it occurs and substitute “10”.

Substitution of section 45(1)

8. In section 45 of the Schedule to the principal canon, for subsection (1) substitute:

“(1) When the qualifying service of a participant terminates by reason of the participant’s death then an amount for each completed year of service is to be paid, equal to –

- (a) one week for each year of qualifying service performed prior to the Commencement Date; and
- (b) 1.3 weeks for each year of qualifying service performed on or after the Commencement Date until and including the Revised Entitlement Date; and
- (c) one week for each year of qualifying service performed after the Revised Entitlement Date –

of the notional stipend current at the date of the participant’s death together with a proportionate payment for any incomplete year of qualifying service rendered.”

Substitution of section 46(1)

9. In section 46 of the Schedule to the principal canon, for subsection (1) substitute:

“When the qualifying service of a participant terminates other than by reason of the participant’s death and –

- (a) the participant has completed at least 5 years qualifying service; and
- (b) subsection 33(3) does not apply –

then the participant is to be paid an amount equal to –

- (c) one week for each year of qualifying service performed prior to the Commencement Date; and

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- (d) 1.3 weeks for each year of qualifying service performed on or after the Commencement Date until and including the Revised Entitlement Date; and
- (e) one week for each year of qualifying service performed after the Revised Entitlement Date –

of the then current notional stipend and pro-rated for the nature of service together with a proportionate payment for any incomplete year of qualifying service rendered and pro-rated for the nature of service.”

Substitution of section 47(6)

10. In section 47 of the Schedule to the principal canon, for subsection (6) substitute:

“The amount payable under this section is an amount equal to –

- (a) one week for each year of qualifying service performed prior to the Commencement Date; and
- (b) 1.3 weeks for each year of qualifying service performed on or after the Commencement Date until and including the Revised Entitlement Date; and
- (c) one week for each year of qualifying service performed after the Revised Entitlement Date –

of the then current notional stipend and pro-rated for the nature of service together with a proportionate payment for any incomplete year of qualifying service rendered and pro-rated for the nature of service.”

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LONG SERVICE LEAVE (NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATING ORGANISATION)

LONG SERVICE LEAVE (NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATING ORGANISATION) CANON 2017

Canon 14, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Short title

1. This canon is the Long Service Leave (Notification of Participating Organisation) Canon 2017.

New sub-section in section 27 of the Schedule

2. In section 27 of the Schedule to the Long Service Leave Canon 2010 after sub-section (1) insert:

“(1A) On receiving an application from an organisation to become a participating organisation under sub-section (1), the Board must notify, and consider any advice relevant to the responsibilities of the Board under that sub-section from, the bishop of each diocese in which a member of the clergy who is engaged by the organisation is licensed or resides and the bishop of any other diocese in which the organisation is expected to function.”

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NEW SOUTH WALES PROVINCIAL SYNOD CONSTITUTION

CANON TO RATIFY THE AMENDED NEW SOUTH WALES PROVINCIAL SYNOD CONSTITUTION

Canon 15, 2017

Whereas

- A. By section 41 of the Constitution alterations to the constitution of a Province shall not take effect until ratified by Canon of General Synod.
- B. The Provincial Synod of New South Wales passed the Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011 in the form of the Schedule to this Canon and that Ordinance has been adopted by all the Diocesan Synods in New South Wales.
- C. Ratification by the General Synod is now needed for the amendments to take effect.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

- 1. This Canon may be cited as the "New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ratification Canon 2017".
- 2. This Canon comes into effect on the date appointed by the President in accordance with s 30 of the Constitution.
- 3. The amendments made to the provisions of the Schedule to the Provincial Synod Constitution Ordinance 1907-1970 by the Ordinance of the Provincial Synod of New South Wales known as the "Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011" are ratified.

SCHEDULE

PROVINCIAL SYNOD CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2011

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Schedule to the Provincial Synod Constitution Ordinance 1907-1970.

WHEREAS

- A. For many years past, the Provincial Synod of New South Wales has had little legislative work,
- B. It is costly to hold Provincial Synod meetings with a large gathering,
- C. It is expedient to reduce the size of Provincial Synod,

NOW the Synod of the Province of New South Wales ordains as follows:

- 1. This ordinance may be cited as 'Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011'.

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2. In accordance with s 41 of the Schedule to the Anglican Church of Australia Act 1961, the amendments in 3 shall come into effect upon ratification by canon of the General Synod provided each of the dioceses of the Province has passed an assenting ordinance.
3. The Schedule to the Provincial Synod Constitution Ordinance 1907-1970 is amended as follows:
 - a. Clause 2 is repealed and the following substituted:

To consist of three houses

 2. The Provincial Synod shall consist of three Houses, namely the House of Bishops, the House of Clergy and the House of Laity. The three Houses shall sit together in full Synod and shall deliberate and transact business therein and shall vote together unless a vote by Houses is required by not less than three members of the House of Bishops or by five members of the House of Clergy or by five members of the House of Laity.
In the event of a vote by Houses being required, all questions shall be put first to the House of Laity, then to the House of Clergy and finally to the House of Bishops and no question shall be deemed to be resolved in the affirmative by Provincial Synod unless it is so resolved by a vote of the majority of those present in each of the three Houses.
A House by a majority of its own members voting may decide to consider separately any matter in debate whereupon further discussion of the matter shall be postponed until there has been an opportunity of separate consideration.
 - b. Clause 3 is repealed and the following substituted:

Representatives of Dioceses

 3. The Diocese of Sydney shall be entitled to send to any future Synod five clerical and five lay representatives.

The Diocese of Newcastle shall be entitled to send two representatives of each order as aforesaid.

The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn shall be entitled to send two representatives of each order as aforesaid.

The Diocese of Armidale shall be entitled to send one representative of each order as aforesaid.

The Diocese of Bathurst shall be entitled to send one representative of each order as aforesaid.

The Diocese of Grafton shall be entitled to send one representative of each order as aforesaid.

The Diocese of Riverina shall be entitled to send one representative of each order as aforesaid.
 - c. Clause 12 is repealed and the following substituted:

Quorum

 12. The presence of at least three bishops of the House of Bishops and seven clerical representatives of the House of Clergy and seven lay representatives of the House of Laity representing at least two Dioceses shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

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- d. Insert the following as a new Clause 15—

Provincial Conferences

15. The Metropolitan or the Metropolitan at the request of 3 other Diocesan Bishops, may convene a Provincial Conference. All members of the synod will be invited together with such other persons as each Diocesan Bishop may invite. The business of the Conference will be determined by the Metropolitan in consultation with the other Diocesan Bishops.”

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NEW SOUTH WALES PROVINCIAL SYNOD CONSTITUTION

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CONFESSIONS (REVISION)

CANON CONCERNING CONFESSIONS (REVISION) CANON 2017

Canon 16, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This canon is the Canon Concerning Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this canon, the principal canon is the Canon Concerning Confessions 1989 without any amendments made by the Canon Concerning Confessions 1989 (Amendment) Canon 2014.

Insertion of preamble

3. In the principal canon before the enacting words insert:

“Whereas every confession to an ordained minister is heard in the context of the desire of the penitent to be reconciled to God, to the fellowship of the church, and to those who have been harmed by the penitent’s sin:”

Exception to confidentiality

4. Section 2 of the principal canon is amended by:
 - (a) deleting the word “If” and substituting the words “Subject to section 2A, if”. and
 - (b) after section 2 of the principal canon, inserting:

“2A. (1) In this section –

abuse means sexual assault, sexual exploitation or physical abuse;

child means a person under the age of 18 years;

child abuse has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;

Church authority has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;

church worker has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;

clergy has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;

Director of Professional Standards has the same meaning as in the National Register Canon 2007;

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grave offence means conduct that amounts to a criminal offence against the laws of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory, or another country which is equivalent to a criminal offence of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory involving child abuse:

ordained minister has the same meaning as **clergy**;

penitent means a person who makes a confession to an ordained minister;

police means the Australian Federal Police or the police service of a State or Territory of Australia;

- (2) Subject to subsection (3), where a penitent confesses to an ordained minister that he or she has or may have committed a grave offence, that ordained minister is obliged to keep confidential the grave offence so confessed only if he or she is reasonably satisfied that the penitent has reported the grave offence to the police and, if the person is a church worker or a member of the clergy, to the Director of Professional Standards or other relevant Church authority.
- (3) An ordained minister to whom a penitent has confessed that he or she has or may have committed a grave offence may, for the purpose of obtaining advice as to whether that conduct constitutes a grave offence, reveal the nature of that confession to a person nominated by the bishop of the diocese for the purpose of giving that advice.
- (4) It is a defence to a charge of breach of discipline or any offence brought against an ordained minister arising from his or her disclosure to any person of conduct confessed by a penitent that did not constitute a grave offence, that the ordained minister believed in good faith and on reasonable grounds that the conduct may have constituted a grave offence.

Order and good government

- 5. The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of this Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese adopts the principal canon and this canon by ordinance.

Repeal

- 6. The Canon Concerning Confessions 1989 (Amendment) Canon 2014 is repealed.

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Secretaries' Certification of copy of Canon as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Canon above is a copy of the Canon as passed on the 7th day of September 2017.

Dated: 8 September 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer

Clerical Secretary

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

Primate's appointment when the canon shall come into force [SO63(19)]

I appoint the 7th day of September 2017 as the date on which this canon shall come into force.

Certification of Canon as correct [Section 24 of the Constitution]

We certify this duplicate of the canon as correct.

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**CANON CONCERNING CONFESSIONS (VULNERABLE PERSONS)
CANON 2017**

Canon 17, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This canon is the Canon Concerning Confessions (Vulnerable Persons) Canon 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this canon, the principal canon is the Canon Concerning Confessions 1989 as amended by the Canon Concerning Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017.

Amendments to the Principal Canon

3. Section 2A(1) of the principal canon is amended by
 - a. In the definition of “grave offence”, replacing the words “child abuse.” with a colon and adding the words
“(a) child abuse; or
(b) abuse of a vulnerable person (other than a child);”
 - b. After the definition of “penitent”, insert the following definition
“**other conduct** means conduct confessed by the penitent to an ordained minister which does not constitute a grave offence, but gives the ordained minister reasonable grounds to believe that a vulnerable person is at risk of significant harm;”
 - c. After the definition of “police”, insert the following definition
“**vulnerable person** includes a person who by reason of an intellectual disability, mental illness or other impairment, age or circumstance, has reduced capacity, whether permanently or temporarily, to protect himself or herself from abuse.”
4. Section 2A(2) of the principal canon is amended by
 - a. After the first occurrence of “grave offence” insert “or confesses to other conduct”
 - b. After the second occurrence of “grave offence” insert “or the other conduct”
 - c. After the third occurrence of “grave offence” insert “or the other conduct”

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5. Section 2A(3) of the principal canon is amended by
 - a. After the first occurrence of “grave offence” insert “or has confessed to other conduct”
 - b. After the second occurrence of “grave offence” insert “or other conduct”
6. Section 2A(4) of the principal canon is amended by deleting 2A(4) and replacing with “(4) It is a defence to a charge of breach of discipline or any offence brought against an ordained minister,
 - a. arising from his or her disclosure to any person of conduct confessed by a penitent that did not constitute a grave offence, that the ordained minister believed in good faith and on reasonable grounds that the conduct may have constituted a grave offence; or
 - b. arising from his or her disclosure to any person of other conduct that the ordained minister believed in good faith and on reasonable grounds that a vulnerable person was at risk of significant harm.”

Order and good government

7. The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of this Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese adopts the principal canon and this canon by ordinance.

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HOLY ORDERS (REMOVAL FROM EXERCISE OF MINISTRY)

HOLY ORDERS (REMOVAL FROM EXERCISE OF MINISTRY) CANON 2017

Canon 18

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

- 1 This Canon is the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017.

Interpretation

- 2 (1) In this Canon—

"deposition" means (without derogating from or altering the effect of section 11 of this Canon) removal of the right to the exercise of ministry in all of the Holy Orders to which a person is ordained, and **"depose"** has a similar meaning;

"national register" means a National Register established pursuant to a Canon of General Synod for a purpose which includes the recording of determinations of a tribunal or the recommendations or determinations of a professional standards body;

"person in Holy Orders" means a person who, in accordance with the Canons of the General Synod or the law of this Church applying at the relevant time has been—

- (a) ordained to the order of bishop, priest or deacon by bishops, or a bishop, of this Church, or by bishops, or a bishop, of a Church in communion with this Church; or
- (b) received into an order of ministry of this Church by a bishop of this Church in accordance with the Holy Orders (Reception and Ministry) Canon 2004;

"professional standards body" means a body established by a Canon of General Synod or the ordinance of a diocese relating to professional standards or episcopal standards that has under that Canon or that ordinance the power to recommend or determine that a person in Holy Orders be deposed;

"relevant bishop" means—

- (a) in relation to a priest or deacon who is licensed, the Diocesan bishop of the diocese in which he or she is licensed or the Primate, or the Metropolitan of the Province in which that diocese is situated, authorized by that bishop to act in that behalf;
- (b) in relation to a priest or deacon who is not licensed, the Diocesan bishop of the diocese in which he or she resides or the Primate, or the Metropolitan of the Province in which that diocese is situated, authorized by that bishop to act in that behalf;

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- (c) in relation to a person who is a bishop, the bishop other than that person who is—
 - (i) the Metropolitan of the Province in which that person is a Diocesan bishop, is licensed by a Diocesan bishop or (if neither a Diocesan bishop nor licensed) resides; or
 - (ii) where that person—
 - A. is the Diocesan bishop of; or
 - B. is licensed by the Diocesan bishop of; or
 - C. resides in—
an extra-provincial diocese, the Primate; or
 - (iii) where the person is a Metropolitan, the Primate; or
 - (iv) where the person is the Primate, the most senior Metropolitan by date of consecration;

“relinquishment” means (without derogating from or altering the effect of section 11 of this Canon) voluntary cessation of the right to the exercise of ministry in one or more of the orders of ministry to which a person is ordained, and **“relinquish”** has a similar meaning;

“tribunal” means a tribunal established in accordance with the provisions of Chapter IX of the Constitution and includes a body established by canon or by an ordinance of a diocese.

- (2) For the purposes of this Canon, a person who, during any vacancy in the office of, or during the incapacity of, a Diocesan bishop or during that bishop's absence from the diocese for a period exceeding thirty days has been appointed by or under the constitution of that diocese to administer the affairs of the diocese, is to be taken to be the Diocesan bishop of that diocese.
- (3) In this Canon a reference to an **“order of ministry”** is a reference to the Holy Order of bishop, the Holy Order of priest or the Holy Order of deacon.

Relinquishment of Holy Orders

- 3 (1) A person in Holy Orders—
- (a) if a bishop, may relinquish the order of bishop, or the orders of bishop and priest, or the orders of bishop, priest and deacon; or
 - (b) if a priest but not a bishop, may relinquish the order of priest, or the orders of priest and deacon; or
 - (c) if a deacon but not a bishop or priest, may relinquish the order of deacon—
- by—

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- (d) resigning all clerical licences and appointments held by that person as a person in the order or orders to be relinquished; and
- (e) executing an instrument of relinquishment in or to the effect of the form in Schedule 1 endorsed with the consent, if given, of both—
 - (i) the bishop of the diocese in which the person last held a clerical licence or appointment, if that is a diocese other than the diocese in which the person resides; and
 - (ii) the relevant bishop.
- (2) Before giving consent under sub-section (1)(e)(ii), the relevant bishop must be satisfied that the person is not currently the subject of any information, complaint or charge in this Church (including in any diocese) concerning his or her conduct or fitness to hold office.

Liturgical context

- 4 The relinquishment under section 3 may, with the consent of the person, be set in a liturgical context by the bishop.

Prohibition from functioning after sentence of a tribunal

- 5 (1) A sentence of prohibition from functioning—
- (a) in relation to a bishop may concern only functioning—
 - (i) as a bishop, or
 - (ii) as a bishop and priest; or
 - (iii) as a bishop, priest and deacon;
 - (b) in relation to a priest, may concern only functioning as a priest or as a priest and deacon;
 - (c) may be limited or not limited by reference to place, office, role or function, time or circumstance;
 - (d) subject to sub-section (2), may be permanent, indefinite or for a period of time, and may be permanent, indefinite or for a period of time in different respects in relation to different functions or different limitations.
- (2) A sentence of prohibition from functioning may not be permanent in respect of all the orders of ministry to which a person has been ordained.

Note: The proper sentence for a person who is to be prohibited permanently from all orders of ministry is deposition.

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- (3) A relevant bishop gives effect to a sentence of prohibition by a tribunal or a recommendation or determination of prohibition by a professional standards body by executing an instrument of prohibition in or to the effect of Schedule 2.

Deposition

- 6 The deposition of a person by a bishop pursuant to the sentence of a tribunal or following the recommendation or determination of a professional standards body shall be effected by the execution by the relevant bishop of an instrument of deposition in or to the effect of the form in Schedule 3.

Registration

- 7 (1) In this section—
- "instrument" means—
- (a) an instrument of relinquishment in accordance with section 3; or
 - (b) an instrument of deposition or prohibition from functioning executed pursuant to sections 5 or 6.
- (2) Upon executing an instrument, the relevant bishop must forthwith—
- (a) cause the instrument to be registered in the register of that bishop;
 - (b) deliver a copy of the instrument to the bishop of the diocese in or for which the person who is the subject of the instrument was ordained; and
 - (c) cause a copy of the instrument to be registered in the national register.

Giving notice of an instrument

- 8 (1) A bishop who executes an instrument under section 7 must give notice of that instrument and of the effect of that instrument in the form of Schedule 4 to the Primate, the General Secretary and such other persons as the bishop considers necessary.
- (2) The bishop may include in or with the notice under subsection (1) a statement of any circumstances relevant to the relinquishment, prohibition or deposition.
- (3) The General Secretary must as soon as reasonably practicable make available to the public the information contained in a notice executed under sub-section (1).

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Effect of prohibition from functioning

- 9 (1) A prohibition from functioning has effect according to its terms.
- (2) Where a person is prohibited from functioning in an order of ministry, that person—
- (a) must not act in contravention of or inconsistently with that prohibition by—
- (i) officiating or acting in any manner that is reserved to that order of ministry; or
- (ii) accepting or holding any office in this Church capable of being held only by a person in that order of ministry;
- (b) ceases to have any right, privilege or advantage attached to that order of ministry; and
- (c) must not hold himself or herself out as being in that order of ministry.

Effect of relinquishment of fewer than all Holy Orders

- 10 A person who has relinquished one or more but not all orders of ministry in respect of any order of ministry relinquished—
- (a) may not officiate or act in any manner that is reserved for that order or those orders;
- (b) may not accept or hold any office in this Church capable of being held only by a person in that order or those orders;
- (c) ceases to have any right, privilege or advantage attached to that order or those orders; and
- (d) must not hold himself or herself out as being in that order or those orders.

Effect of relinquishment of all Holy Orders and of deposition

- 11 A person who has relinquished all Holy Orders or who has been deposed in accordance with this or another Canon or following the sentence of a tribunal or the recommendation or determination of a professional standards body—
- (a) may not:
- (i) officiate or act in any manner as a bishop, priest or deacon of this Church; or
- (ii) accept or hold any office in this Church capable of being held only by a person in Holy Orders;

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- (b) ceases to have any right, privilege or advantage attached to the order of bishop, priest or deacon;
- (c) must not hold himself or herself out to be a member of the clergy;
- (d) may not hold an office in a diocese which may be held by a lay person without the consent of the bishop of the diocese; and
- (e) shall be considered to be a lay person for the purposes of all laws, canons, rules, ordinances and regulations of the Church except for any provision enacted under Chapter IX of the Constitution.

Revocation

- 12 (1) A person who has relinquished one or more orders of ministry in accordance with this Canon may petition the Metropolitan of the Province in which he or she resides or, if the person resides in an extraprovincial diocese, the Primate, to issue a certificate of revocation of the instrument of relinquishment.
- (2) The petition must include a statement of—
- (a) the circumstances and reasons in and for which the petitioner executed the instrument of relinquishment;
 - (b) the nature of the work or employment upon or in which the petitioner has been engaged, and the place or places in which the petitioner has resided since executing the instrument of relinquishment; and
 - (c) the circumstances in which and the reasons for which the revocation is sought.
- (3) The Metropolitan or the Primate, as the case requires, must confer with the bishop of the diocese in which the petitioner last held a clerical licence or appointment and the bishop of the diocese in which the person resides and may make such other enquiries as seem appropriate.
- (4) The Metropolitan or the Primate, as the case requires, may by writing under seal certify that, for all purposes, the instrument of relinquishment ceases to have any force or effect.
- (5) A certificate under sub-section (4) must be registered in—
- (a) the register of the bishop of the diocese in which the instrument of relinquishment or the instrument of deposition was registered;
 - (b) the register of the Primate; and
 - (c) the national register—

and a copy of the certificate must be delivered to the bishop of the diocese in or for which the petitioner was ordained.

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Effect of revocation

- 13 The provisions of sections 10 and 11 do not apply to a person whose relinquishment has been revoked in accordance with this Canon.

Offences under this Canon

- 14 (1) It is an offence for a person who has relinquished an order of ministry to hold out that the person continues to exercise that order, except for the purposes of any provision enacted under Chapter IX of the Constitution.
- (2) It is an offence for a person who has been deposed to act contrary to section 11(c), except for the purposes of any provision enacted under Chapter IX of the Constitution.

Canon 76 of the Canons of 1603 to have no effect

- 15 The Canon numbered 76 of the Canons of 1603, insofar as it may have any force, shall have no operation or effect in a diocese of this Church which adopts this canon.

Repeal and consequential amendment

- 16(1) The Holy Orders Relinquishment and Deposition Canon 2004 is repealed.
- (2) In—
- (a) section 17(3) of the Episcopal Standards Canon 2007; and
- (b) section 23(3) of the Special Tribunal Canon 2007—
- for "Holy Orders, Relinquishment and Deposition Canon 2004" substitute "Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017".

Coming into force by adoption

- 17 The provisions of this Canon affect the order and good government of this Church within a diocese and do not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese adopts this Canon by ordinance of the synod of the diocese.

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF ONE OR MORE ORDERS OF MINISTRY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, _____, a person in Holy Orders in the Anglican Church of Australia (particulars of which are set out in the Schedule)

DECLARE that I have resigned the clerical licences and appointments and positions held by me as (*bishop, priest or deacon*) and **RELINQUISH** all rights and privileges as attached to the order/s of (*bishop, priest or deacon*) set out in the Schedule to this instrument in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church of Australia and **FURTHER DECLARE** that I shall at all times from the date of this instrument conduct myself accordingly.

SCHEDULE

PARTICULARS OF HOLY ORDERS SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION

FULL NAME AND ADDRESS

	ORDAINING BISHOP(S)	PLACE	DATE
ORDINATION AS DEACON			
ORDINATION AS PRIEST			
CONSECRATION AS BISHOP			

DATED:

EXECUTED BY

in the presence of:

(Bishop or Archdeacon or legal practitioner)

CONSENT OF BISHOP OF DIOCESE IN WHICH DECLARANT LAST HELD A CLERICAL
LICENCE OR APPOINTMENT

I, _____ by Divine Providence Bishop (Archbishop) of _____
consent to the above relinquishment.

DATED:

EXECUTED BY: in the
presence of:

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CONSENT OF BISHOP OF DIOCESE IN WHICH DECLARANT RESIDES:

I, _____ by Divine Providence Bishop (Archbishop) of _____ declare that I am the relevant bishop for the purposes of the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017 and consent to the above relinquishment.

DATED:
EXECUTED BY: in the
presence of:

SCHEDULE 2

PROHIBITION FROM FUNCTIONING FOLLOWING THE SENTENCE OF A TRIBUNAL

I, _____ by Divine Providence Bishop (or Archbishop) of _____

To _____

GREETINGS
I declare that I am the relevant bishop for the purposes of the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017 and I by these presents **prohibit you from functioning in the exercise of Holy Orders** in the Anglican Church of Australia (as set out in the Schedule) in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church of Australia following the sentence of a duly constituted tribunal.

SCHEDULE

PARTICULARS OF HOLY ORDERS SUBJECT TO PROHIBITION

FULL NAME AND ADDRESS

	ORDAINING BISHOP(S)	PLACE	DATE
ORDINATION AS DEACON			
ORDINATION AS PRIEST			
CONSECRATION AS BISHOP			

PARTICULARS OF PROHIBITION FROM FUNCTIONING

DATED

SEALED

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SCHEDULE 3

DEPOSITION

I, _____ by Divine Providence Bishop (or Archbishop) of _____

To _____

GREETINGS

I declare that I am the relevant bishop for the purposes of the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017 and by these presents **depose you** in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church of Australia following the sentence of a duly constituted tribunal *or* following the recommendation or determination of a professional standards body [delete as applicable] from the Holy Orders set out in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

PARTICULARS OF HOLY ORDERS

FULL NAME AND ADDRESS

	ORDAINING BISHOP(S)	PLACE	DATE
ORDINATION AS DEACON			
ORDINATION AS PRIEST			
CONSECRATION AS BISHOP			

DATED _____

SEALED _____

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SCHEDULE 4

NOTICE OF AN INSTRUMENT UNDER THE HOLY ORDERS (REMOVAL FROM THE EXERCISE OF MINISTRY) CANON 2017

I, _____ by Divine Providence Bishop (or Archbishop) of _____

GIVE NOTICE of the instrument dated that concerns [name] and that is now attached being

- * an instrument of relinquishment
- * a prohibition from functioning pursuant to the sentence of a tribunal
- * an instrument of deposition.

**delete as applicable*

STATEMENT AS TO CIRCUMSTANCES

ATTACHMENT

DATED _____

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Dated: 8 September 2017

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(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

HOLY ORDERS (REMOVAL FROM EXERCISE OF MINISTRY)

Primate's appointment when the canon shall come into force [SO63(19)]

I appoint the 7th day of September 2017 as the date on which this canon shall come into force.

Certification of Canon as correct [Section 24 of the Constitution]

We certify this duplicate of the canon as correct.

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Dated: 9 December 2017

SERVICES AMENDMENT

CANON CONCERNING SERVICES AMENDMENT CANON 2017

Canon 19, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This canon is the Canon Concerning Services Amendment Canon 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this canon principal canon means the Canon Concerning Services 1992.

Additional Forms of Service Authorised

3. In the principal canon—
 - (a) in section 4(1)(b) for "part." substitute "part;"; and
 - (b) after paragraph 4(1)(b) insert:
 - "(c) for use within a diocese, any other form that has been -
 - (i) approved for use, on the recommendation of the Liturgy Commission with the concurrence of the Doctrine Commission, by a decision of at least two-thirds of the diocesan bishops including all of the Metropolitans; and
 - (ii) approved for use within the diocese by the diocesan council of that diocese."

Canon affects the ritual, ceremonial or discipline of this Church

4. The provisions of this canon affect the ritual, ceremonial or discipline of this Church.
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SERVICES AMENDMENT

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**NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
ANGLICAN COUNCIL AMENDMENT CANON 2017**

Canon 20, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This canon is the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council Amendment Canon 2017.

Principal Canon

2. In this canon, the principal canon is the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council Canon 2014.

Change to Appointments of Members of the Council

3. In section 10(1) of the principal canon, insert after paragraph (d):

“(d1) one Aboriginal person and one Torres Strait Islander appointed by the Archbishop of Brisbane to represent the Diocese of Brisbane;”.
4. In paragraph (g) of section 10(1) of the principal canon, insert “Brisbane,” after “Queensland,”.

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Dated: 8 September 2017

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STRATEGIC ISSUES, COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES AND NETWORKS

STRATEGIC ISSUES, COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES AND NETWORKS AMENDMENT CANON 2017

Canon 21, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Part 1 - Introduction

Title

1. This canon is the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Amendment Canon 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this canon, principal canon means the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Canon 1998.

Part 2 - Ministry Commission

Change of name of the Ministry Commission

3. In sections 8(b) and 10 of the principal canon insert "Mission and" before "Ministry".

Part 3 - Professional Standards Commission

Change of name of the Professional Standards Commission

4. In sections 8(e) and 12A of the principal canon for "Professional Standards" substitute "Safe Ministry".

Additional function of the Professional Standards Commission

5. In section 12A (a) and (b) of the principal canon insert "the protection of children and adults from abuse," after "training,".

Part 4 - Public Affairs Commission

Establishment of the Public Affairs Commission

6. In section 8 of the principal canon:
 - (a) substitute "," for "." at the end of paragraph (e); and
 - (b) insert after paragraph (e):
"(f) The Public Affairs Commission;"

Functions of the Public Affairs Commission

7. After section 12A of the principal canon insert:

STRATEGIC ISSUES, COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES AND NETWORKS

“12B The functions of the Public Affairs Commission are:

- (a) to develop a process to assist people engage with public affairs;
- (b) to respond within its capacity to aspects of public affairs referred by the Primate, the Standing Committee or the General Synod or initiated by the Commission;
- (c) to work collaboratively with any diocesan body engaged in public affairs or any network of diocesan bodies engaged in public affairs.”

Part 5 - Ecumenical Relations Commission

Establishment of the Ecumenical Relations Commission

8. In section 8 of the principal canon insert after paragraph (f):

“(g) The Ecumenical Relations Commission.”

Functions of the Ecumenical Relations Commission

9. Insert after section 12B of the principal canon:

“12C The functions of the Ecumenical Relations Commission are:

- (a) to advise the Standing Committee on-
 - (i) contact between ecumenical organisations and the Anglican Communion Office in regard to ecumenical matters;
 - (ii) the nurturing of people interested in and with knowledge about ecumenical matters within the life of the Church;
 - (iii) liaison between the representatives of the Church engaged in bilateral or multilateral dialogue with other groups;
 - (iv) responding to requests from other Churches or ecumenical bodies; and
 - (v) the appointment of representatives of this Church to ecumenical bodies;
- (b) to advise the Primate, the Standing Committee or the General Synod on other ecumenical matters specifically referred to the Commission.”

Part 6 – Term of Appointment of Members

10. In section 14 of the principal canon for “5 year renewable term” substitute “term of up to 5 years and may be reappointed”.

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Secretaries' Certification of copy of Canon as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Canon above is a copy of the Canon as passed on the 7th day of September 2017.

Dated: 8 September 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer

Clerical Secretary

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

Primate's appointment when the canon shall come into force [SO63(19)]

I appoint the 7th day of September 2017 as the date on which this canon shall come into force.

Certification of Canon as correct [Section 24 of the Constitution]

We certify this duplicate of the canon as correct.

(sgd) +Philip Melbourne

President

Dated: 9 December 2017

(sgd) Ian H Gibson

Chairman of Committees

Dated: 9 December 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer

Clerical Secretary

Dated: 11 May 2018

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

Dated: 9 December 2017

MISSIONARY DIOCESES (AMENDMENT) CANON 2017

Canon 22, 2017

Title

1. This is the Missionary Dioceses (Amendment) Canon 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this Canon principal canon means the Missionary Dioceses Canon 1977.

New definition of "Provision Missionary Diocese"

3. In section 1 of the principal canon before "Standing Committee" insert:

' "Provisional Missionary Diocese" means a diocese presently subject a declaration under section 7C.'

New Part 1

4. Before section 3 of the principal canon, insert the heading "Part 1 – Missionary Dioceses"

Provisional Missionary Dioceses

5. After section 7 of the principal canon, insert:

"Part 2 – Provisional Missionary Dioceses

- 7A. (a) A diocese may apply to the Standing Committee to be declared a Provisional Missionary Diocese.
 - (b) Subject to paragraph (c), an application must be made by resolution of the Synod of the diocese and with the consent of -
 - (i) the Metropolitan of the Province; and
 - (ii) a majority of the diocesan councils of the Province (of which the diocesan council of the applicant diocese is to be counted as a consent in favour).
 - (c) If—
 - (i) the diocesan council considers that the application is urgent; and
 - (ii) the Synod of that diocese is not due to meet for at least two months from the date of the application -the application may be made by resolution of the diocesan council instead of by the Synod of the diocese.
- 7B. The application must set out the reasons for the diocese seeking to be declared to be a Provisional Missionary Diocese, and must:
 - (a) provide financial statements for the past three years;

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- (b) provide a financial plan for the future of the diocese;
 - (c) provide for appropriate episcopal oversight of the diocese;
 - (d) provide for appropriate synodical governance of the diocese;
 - (e) provide for compliance with the minimum legal and regulatory framework necessary for the diocese to function;
 - (f) give consideration to the structures necessary to support the diocese in the future.
- 7C. (1) If the Standing Committee is satisfied that an application complies with the sections 7A and 7B, it may—
- (a) declare a diocese to be a Provisional Missionary Diocese;
 - (b) by a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Standing Committee declare that the Provisional Missionary Diocese is not required to pay the fixed assessments of General Synod;
 - (c) by a majority of three-quarters of the members of the Standing Committee, such majority to include all Metropolitans, declare that all other dioceses (other than missionary or provisional missionary dioceses) must pay the amount for the support of the Provisional Missionary Diocese that is determined by resolution of Standing Committee; and
 - (d) require the diocese to provide such information as the Standing Committee may require from time to time, including detailed financial reports.
- (2) A declaration under sub-section (1) is valid for no more than three years, or for the period not exceeding three years determined by the Standing Committee at the time it is made.
- (3) The Standing Committee may extend the validity of a declaration for one or more further periods of no more than three years at the request of the Synod of the diocese made by resolution.
- 7D. In determining an amount for the purposes of section 7C(1)(c), Standing Committee must take into account:
- (a) the costs of the bishop of the diocese, including remuneration, travel and accommodation; and
 - (b) other costs of running the diocese which seem relevant to Standing Committee.
- 7E. Sections 3 to 7 of this canon do not apply to a Provisional Missionary Diocese.
- 7F. A Provisional Missionary Diocese is a diocese for the purposes of the Constitution, remains subject to the Constitution and must at all times comply with the Constitution."

New Part 3

6. Before section 8 of the principal canon, insert the heading "Part 3 – Miscellaneous"

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Lay Secretary

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RULES PASSED BY GENERAL SYNOD

RULE TO AMEND RULE I – STANDING ORDERS (FORMAL MOTIONS)

Rule 1, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Rule I is amended as follows:

In Standing Order 10(b), omit all the words after "taken as a formal motion," and insert "unless someone other than the mover calls "**Object**", at the discretion of the President, state their name, and states that they intend in relation to the motion to oppose it, to seek to amend it, or to seek further information in relation to it, or unless the President determines that the motion should not be taken formally. If a motion is to be taken formally, the mover may address the meeting for no longer than 3 minutes (with no extension) in relation to the motion, after which the motion shall be put forthwith without debate."

Certificate of Chairman of Committees [SO63(16)]

I certify that the Rule above is a copy of the bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Dated: 4 September 2017

(sgd) Ian H Gibson

Chairman of Committees

Secretaries' Certification of copy of Rule as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Rule above is a copy of the Rule as passed on the 4th day of September 2017.

Dated: 8 September 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer

Clerical Secretary

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

**RULE TO AMEND RULE III – RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF
ELECTIONS ORDERED TO BE MADE BY THE GENERAL SYNOD**

Rule 2, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. In rule 5(a1) insert “the Standing Committee,” before “the Appellate Tribunal”.
2. In rule 6(a1) insert “the Standing Committee,” before “the Appellate Tribunal”.

Secretaries’ Certification of copy of Rule as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Rule above is a copy of the Rule as passed on the 4th day of September 2017.

Dated: 8 September 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer
Clerical Secretary

(sgd) Timothy Reid
Lay Secretary

RULES PASSED BY GENERAL SYNOD

RULE TO AMEND RULE I – STANDING ORDERS (ELECTRONIC VOTING)

Rule 3, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Rule I is amended by:

1. Deleting the text of Standing Order 45 and substituting the following:

45.

- a) Questions shall be resolved by the majority of the voices "Aye" or "No", or by a show of hands, or by electronic voting; but on demand being made by five members a division shall take place.
- b) Unless a vote by Houses is requested in accordance with section 15 of the Constitution, or a Division as requested under Standing Order 54, a question shall be resolved by, the mechanism of Standing Order 45(a), and the President shall state which side has the majority.

3. After the words "each of the three houses" in Standing Order 46(b), inserting the words "by the mechanism of Standing Order 45(a)".

Certificate of Chairman of Committees [SO63(16)]

I certify that the Rule above is a copy of the bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Dated: 4 September 2017

(sgd) Ian H Gibson

Chairman of Committees

Secretaries' Certification of copy of Rule as passed [SO63(20)]

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Dated: 8 September 2017

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Clerical Secretary

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

**RULE TO AMEND RULE II – RULES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A
STANDING COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SYNOD AND DEFINING ITS
POWERS AND DUTIES**

Rule 4, 2017

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. Delete paragraph (b) of rule 4(7) and substitute:

“(b) at least two-thirds of the members respond in writing to the notice and of those who so respond at least three-quarters express their concurrence with the proposed resolution.”

Secretaries’ Certification of copy of Rule as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Rule above is a copy of the Rule as passed on the 7th day of September 2017.

Dated: 8 September 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer

Clerical Secretary

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

PROTOCOLS PASSED BY GENERAL SYNOD

NATIONAL REGISTER (ACCESS TO AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION) AMENDMENT PROTOCOL 2017

Protocol Amendment

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

- 1 (1) This protocol is the National Register (access to and disclosure of information) Amendment Protocol 2017.
- (2) In this protocol, the **principal protocol** is the Protocol for access to and disclosure of Information in the National Register 2007.

Amendment of Part 6

- 9 The following heading and clause is inserted after clause 20C of the principal protocol:

Disclosure of Information Canon 2017

- 20D When the General Secretary receives an application for information about a church worker from a prescribed person, whether directly or through a diocesan authority or otherwise, within the meaning of the Disclosure of Information Canon 2017, the General Secretary is authorised to have access to any Information in the National Register relating to the church worker and disclose whether there is any such, and if so what, Information relating to the church worker to the prescribed person.
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PROTOCOLS PASSED BY GENERAL SYNOD

Secretaries' Certification of copy of Protocol as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Protocol above is a copy of the Canon as passed on the 6th day of September 2017.

Dated: 8 September 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer

Clerical Secretary

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

PROTOCOLS PASSED BY GENERAL SYNOD

NATIONAL REGISTER (INCLUSION OF INFORMATION) AMENDMENT PROTOCOL 2017

Protocol Amendment

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

- 1 (1) This protocol is the National Register (Inclusion of Information) Amendment Protocol 2017.
- (2) In this protocol, the **principal protocol** is the Protocol for provision of Information for inclusion in the National Register 2007.

Amendment of clause 3

- 10 Clause 3 of the principal protocol is amended by:
 - (a) deleting “Notification” in the heading and substituting “Entry”;
 - (b) deleting “notify the General Secretary of Information” and substituting “enter Information in the National Register”.

Amendment of clause 4

- 11 Clause 4 of the principal protocol is amended by:
 - (a) deleting the heading and substituting “Accuracy and completeness of Information”;
 - (b) deleting the clause and substituting the following clause:

The Director of Professional Standards, whenever satisfied that Information on the National Register is inaccurate or incomplete, shall amend the Information to ensure its accuracy and completeness.
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PROTOCOLS PASSED BY GENERAL SYNOD

Secretaries' Certification of copy of Protocol as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Protocol above is a copy of the Protocol as passed on the 6th day of September 2017.

Dated: 8 September 2017

(sgd) Katherine Bowyer

Clerical Secretary

(sgd) Timothy Reid

Lay Secretary

ELECTIONS

The Primate announced the results of the elections:

1. ELECTION RESULTS WITHOUT NEED OF A BALLOT

1.1 THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SYNOD

3 Bishops to be elected by the House of Bishops

Richard Condie

John Stead

Garry Weatherill

1.2 THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS (APPELLATE TRIBUNAL)

7 Priests elected by the Synod as a whole

Rhys Bezzant

Martin Foord

Andrew Ford

Jonathan Kuan

Mark Thompson

Richard Trist

Lionel Windsor

1.3 LONG SERVICE LEAVE BOARD

1 Member of the House of Bishops to be elected by the House of Bishops

Allan Ewing

1.4 DEFENCE FORCE

3 Lay Persons to be elected by the House of Clergy and the House of Laity voting together

Mark Francis

Alan Gallimore

Allan Sauer

2. ELECTIONS REQUIRING A BALLOT

2.1 THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF SYNOD

9 Members of the House of Clergy to be elected by the House of Clergy Elected

75 Arthur Copeman

71 Timothy Harris

70 Mary Lewis

70 Michael Stead

69 David Bassett

63 Greg Harris

63 Tracy Lauersen

63 Kanishka Raffel

61 Andrew Ford

Not Elected [*Not a reserve list – s3 Rule II – Standing Committee*]

49 Dorothy Lee
42 Gillian Moses
42 John Roundhill
42 Peter Sandeman
40 Theodore McCall
38 John Baldock
34 Genieve Blackwell
32 John Ward
12 Elizabeth Dyke
8 Scott Lowrey

**9 Members of the House of Laity to be elected by the House of Laity
Elected**

110 Debra Mullins
93 Garth Blake
64 Audrey Mills
59 Robert Tong
58 Karin Sowada
56 Carolyn Tan
55 Peter Young
54 Leanne Beagley
54 Fiona McLean

Not Elected [*Not a reserve list – s3 Rule II – Standing Committee*]

53 Allan Bulman
53 Seak-King Huang
53 Ron Perry
53 Ruth Robinson
47 Christopher Gourlay
47 Sue West
29 Allan Perryman
11 Brian Norris

2.2 PANELS OF ELECTORS OF THE PRIMATE

16 Members of the clergy to be elected by the House of Clergy

Elected to the Panel

78 Arthur Copeman
73 Matthew Brain
72 Timothy Harris
71 Tracey Lauersen
70 Mary Lewis
68 David Bassett
68 Michael Stead
67 Richard Trist
66 Mark Calder
65 Stephen Hale
64 Greg Harris
64 Kanishka Raffel

Elected as a Reserve [*s8(1) Primate Canon 1985*]

60 Andrew Ford

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59 Nigel Fortescue
57 Ross Nicholson
54 Mark Thompson

Not Elected

52 Dorothy Lee
48 Elizabeth Smith
46 Chris Chataway
45 Peter Stuart
44 John Roundhill
42 Gillian Moses
41 John Baldock
41 Theodore McCall
36 Genieve Blackwell

16 Members of the laity to be elected by the House of Laity Elected to the Panel

88 Garth Blake
68 Debra Mullins
63 Audrey Mills
61 Karin Sowada
60 Naomi Fountain
60 Richard Refshauge
60 Robert Tong
58 Ian Gibson
58 Allan Perryman
58 Peter Young
57 Fiona McLean
57 Sue West

Elected as a Reserve [s8(1) *Primate Canon 1985*]

*Order of reserves drawn by lot following confirmation of the Panel [s5(4)
Primate Canon 1985]*

56 Carolyn Tan
56 Leeanne Zamagias
55 Claire Smith
55 Ian Dallas

Not Elected

54 Michael Calder
54 Clive Ellis
53 Ruth Robinson
52 Kirsty Bucknell
52 Ron Perry
51 Robert Fordham
51 Seak-King Huang
51 James Oakley
49 Muriel Porter
49 Jane Tooher
47 Kimberly Smith

2.3 LONG SERVICE LEAVE BOARD

1 Member of the House of Clergy to be elected by the House of Clergy Elected

58 Andrew Ford

Not Elected

46 Peter Stuart

6 Ian Morrison

2 Members of the House of Laity to be elected by the House of Laity Elected

68 Doug Marr

55 Christopher Nelson

Not Elected

53 Seak-King Huang

50 Peter Jarvis

2.4 AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY LIMITED - MEMBERS

The persons to be elected must include at least 1 Bishop

24 Members to be elected by the House of Bishops

Elected

17 Garth Blake

17 Archbishop Glenn Davies

17 Bishop Michael Stead

16 Bishop Timothy Harris

14 Stuart Piggin

13 Bruce Kaye

12 Dane Courtney

12 Sandy Jones

11 Vanessa Bennett

11 Bishop Rick Lewers

11 Claire Smith

10 Phillip Bradford

10 Marian Free

10 Mary Lewis

10 Anthea McCall

9 Peter Anstey

9 David Hohne

9 Jane Tooher

8 Louise Gosbell

8 Susan Hooke

8 Delle Matthews

8 Tara Stenhouse

8 Lindsay Wilson

7 Jessica Carroll-Smith

Not Elected

6 Cathy Harris

6 Ed Loane

3 Kenneth Wade

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2.5 DEFENCE FORCE BOARD

At least one member of the clergy at the time of election is rendering or has previously rendered service as a reserve chaplain in the Australian Defence Force.

3 Members of the clergy to be elected by the House of Clergy and the House of Laity voting together

Elected

139 Timothy Booker

122 Andrew Nixon

119 Glenn Buijs

Not Elected

99 Katherine Wilmot

52 Julia Van Den Bos

38 Robert Newton

I declare the foregoing persons to be elected by ballot.

P FREIER
President
9 September 2017

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FROM NOVEMBER 2014 TO MAY 2017

1. INTRODUCTION

This section provides an overview of the business conducted by the Standing Committee since the Sixteenth Session of the General Synod. It does not purport to be exhaustive. Summaries of decisions made at meetings of the Standing Committee since November 2014 may be found on the General Synod website.

2. STRATEGIC ISSUES

Viability and Structures

The Viability and Structures Task Force completed its work with the tabling of the Task Force's final report at the Sixteenth Session of General Synod. The Standing Committee established the Viability and Structure Steering Group to progress the recommendations of the Task Force.

The Standing Committee appointed the members of the Viability and Structures Steering Group (VSSG) and reformed the Diocesan Financial Advisory Group into a Task Force of General Synod. (DFATF).

The Standing Committee received and noted the responses of dioceses and General Synod bodies to the report of the Viability and Structures Task Force.

The Standing Committee has provided guidance to the VSSG in the process of engagement with dioceses and the development of recommendations included in the group's report to the this session of the General Synod. (Book 2).

Arising from the work of the VSSG, the Standing Committee considered a proposal to amend the Missionary Dioceses Canon 1977 with the objective of facilitating its application in circumstances where a diocese is in financial difficulty. A bill for the Missionary Dioceses (Amendment) Canon 2017 will be presented to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod.

3. GOVERNANCE

Sessions of the General Synod

The Standing Committee reviewed the operations of the Sixteenth Session of General Synod and confirming arrangements for the Seventeenth Session of General Synod.

It monitored the implementation of resolutions and legislation passed at the Sixteenth Session through reporting of the Commissions and other General Synod bodies.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Policy

The Standing Committee reviewed and amended the Standing Committee Executive Committee Terms of Reference in regard to membership and financial responsibilities.

During the period the Standing Committee established or amended the following policies:

- Financial Management Policy - amended in regard to financial delegations and the allocation of additional delegations in regard to approval of international travel.
- Domestic Travel Policy – amended in regard to process and daily expenditure rates
- International Travel Policy – established to address process for General Synod officers and volunteers travelling overseas on General Synod business.
- Copyright licence – established to protect / acknowledge the publication of materials over which General Synod (Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation) has copyright.
- General Synod Funds Investment Policy – established on the recommendation of the Standing Committee Investment Committee.

These policies will be published on the General Synod Business Portal (accessible through the General Synod website) when it becomes operational before the end of 2017.

Reporting

The Standing Committee received and noted annual and other reports required under the provisions of the *Financial Protection Canon 1995* and the *Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Canon 1998*.

General Synod Office

The Standing Committee received and noted reports on the operation of the General Synod Office from the General Secretary.

4. ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Standing Committee received reports from delegates attending the following meetings of the Anglican Communion.

Anglican Consultative Council – Zambia April 2016

Archbishop Philip Freier, Bishop Sarah Macneil, Archdeacon Arthur Copeman, Mr Garth Blake
SC

Primate's Meeting - Canterbury, January 2016

Archbishop Philip Freier, Primate

Provincial Secretaries Conference – Dublin, August 2015

Ms Anne Hywood, General Secretary

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

5. DOCTRINE

The Standing Committee referred the following issues to the Doctrine Commission, and received reports:

- Conversation on Marriage – marriage of unbaptized persons
- The Anglican-Oriental Agreed Statement on Christology 2014
- The International Commission for Anglican–Orthodox Theological Dialogue's Agreed Statement in the Image and Likeness of God: A Hope-Filled Anthropology.
- Issues relating to the Amendment of the Canon Concerning Confessions
- Elements of the Eucharist
- Blessing of the civil union or marriage of same-sex people
- Deposition from Holy Orders

The outcomes of issues considered by the Commission are provided in the report of the Doctrine Commission (Book 4).

6. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Standing Committee referred the following issues to the Public Affairs Commission (PAC) and received reports. Matters relating to Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander were also referred to NATSIAC, which worked in consultation with the PAC.

- Human rights - Religious freedom
- Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders – Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia
- Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders – Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia

The outcomes of issues considered by the Commission are provided in the report of the Public Affairs Commission and NATSIAC (Book 4).

7. MISSION AND MINISTRY

The Standing Committee acted upon the recommendations of the Task Force for Mission (Fresh Expressions) and amalgamated the Task Force with the Ministry Commission in May 2015. A Bill incorporating the change of the name of the Ministry Commission to the Mission and Ministry Commission (Book 1 - Bill 13) will be presented at the Seventeenth Session of General Synod.

The reconstituted Commission has members from each of the previous bodies. The Right Reverend Dr Stephen Pickard was appointed as Chair.

The Standing Committee through its Executive provided access to funds to support participation in the Pioneer Ministry Consultations conducted by the Ministry Commission in April 2016 and June 2017.

Ministry development issues brought to the attention of the Standing Committee are addressed in the report of the Ministry Commission (Book 4).

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

8. CHURCH LAW

Assent to the Adoption of Canons

The Standing Committee received regular reports on diocesan action in regard to canons passed at the fifteenth and sixteenth Sessions of General Synod. (page 2-068)

Bill for a Canon (s28A of the Constitution)

At the sixteenth Session of General Synod a constitutional amendment was passed providing for the creation of a canon, through a bill circulated to each diocesan synod for assent, pursuant to S28A of the constitution. Three quarters of all dioceses, including all metropolitans, are required to assent to the bill for it to become a canon.

The Standing Committee applied the provision of s28A on two occasions.

1. Bill 01-2015. A bill for a Canon to ratify the amended *New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution* – September 2015. The necessary assents have not yet been obtained and a bill for a Canon to Ratify the Amended New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution will be presented at this session of Synod. (Book 1 – Bill 08)
2. Bill 02-2015. A bill for a Canon to amend the Long Service Leave Canon 2010 – August 2015. It was determined that the necessary assent would not be obtained through this process and a bill for the Long Service Leave (Revision of Entitlement) Canon will be presented at this session of Synod. (Book 1 – Bill 06)

Legislation program for the Seventeenth Session of General Synod

The Standing Committee has endorsed a legislative program of bills for Canons and Bills for Rules, prepared by the Church Law Commission, for presentation to this session of Synod (Book1 and Book 5).

9. LITURGY

The Standing Committee referred the following issues to the Liturgy Commission and received reports.

- The future of printed liturgical resources including a new prayer book,
- The future nature and provision of liturgical resources.

The Standing Committee engaged with the advice provided by the Liturgy Commission in May 2016 and asked Broughton Publishing for a report on implications of the Liturgy Commission's recommendations on Broughton's financial operations and viability. In November 2016, Standing Committee received advice from the Broughton Publishing advising that some recommendations had a detrimental impact. These issues are addressed in the report of the Liturgy Commission and Broughton Publishing. (Book 4).

The Standing Committee asked the Liturgy Commission to coordinate the worship program at the Seventeenth Session of General Synod.

The Standing Committee, through its Executive Committee, made funds available to subsidize the attendance of members of the Liturgy Commission at the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation (IALC) in Montreal in 2015 and Belgium in 2017.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

10. WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Standing Committee endorsed the nomination of the following persons to join the Anglican delegation at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

- 2015 – The Rev'd Gillian Moses (Brisbane)
- 2016 – Ms Alison Preston (Melbourne)
- 2017 – Ms Lesley Lewis (Wangaratta).

Reports including the communiqué from these events were distributed to dioceses for review and action as required.

The Standing Committee undertook a review of representation of women on General Synod and Diocesan Bodies and resolved to report on General Synod bodies to this session of General Synod. This report is provided at page 2-007 of this book. (Book 2)

11. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Policies and Guidelines

The Standing Committee received and endorsed a number of protocols and guidelines presented by the Professional Standards Commission and arranged for these to be circulated to dioceses and General Synod bodies as a resource. All policies and guidelines are published on the diocesan website at <https://www.anglican.org.au/professional-standards-commission>

- Guidelines – Reporting historical child sexual abuse to the Police
 - Endorsed November 2014 (SC2014/3/29)
- Resource - Faithfulness in Service DVD Discussion Guide
 - Endorsed November 2015 (SC2015/2/18)
- Statement of Principles for the sharing of information between Directors of Professional Standards
 - Endorsed May 2016 (SC2016/1/32)
- Code of Conduct - Faithfulness in Service – Amendments
 - Endorsed May 2016 (SC2016/1/33)
 - Endorsed November 2016 (SC2016/2/29)
- Statement of Principles for the use of names of persons who perpetrated, or failed to take action in relation to child sexual abuse
 - Endorsed November 2016 (SC2016/2/27)
- Protocol for determining the responsibility of dioceses for disciplining church workers for misconduct
 - Endorsed November 2016 (SC2016/2/34)

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

National Register

The Standing Committee approved and received the annual audits of the operation of the National Register and authorised expenditure on software and security enhancements. A full report is provided at page 2-053 of this book.

Standing Committee has authority to amend the protocols attached to the National Register Canon and develop policies and procedures in regard to its own responsibilities under the protocols.

Standing Committee has actioned the following:

- National Register Protocol – Access to and Disclosure of Information
 - Amended November 2014 (SC2014/3/27)
 - Amended November 2016 (SC2016/2/30) and (SC2016/2/35) Amendments to any National Register Protocol must be tabled at the next session of General Synod. The amended protocol is published at page 2-056 of this book.
- Policy – Accessing the National Register for the Election or Appointment of persons by the Standing Committee and the Primate (SC2016/1/34)

Seal of the Confessional

Standing Committee appointed a Confessions Working Group in November 2014 to provide advice on issues relating to the Seal of the Confessional and developments to amend the Canon Concerning Confession 1989.

The working group, the House of Bishops and the Doctrine Commission have all contributed to the development of a bill to amend the Canon Concerning Confessions 1989, to be presented at this session of General Synod

Appeal of Keith Francis Slater to the Appellate Tribunal

The Standing Committee monitored the administration of the Appellate Tribunal in regard to the appeal by Keith Slater against the findings against him of the Professional Standards Board in the Diocese of Grafton.

The determination of the Appellate Tribunal can be found on the General Synod website at <https://www.anglican.org.au/tribunals-appellate-tribunal-227>

The implications of the findings of the report contributed to the review of episcopal standards processes in early 2017.

12. ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – ISSUES ARISING

Since the Sixteenth Session of General Synod issues arising from the Royal Commission have had a high priority in the Standing Committee agenda.

The Standing Committee established a Royal Commission Working Group (RCWG) in 2014. The RCWG has had delegated authority to engage with the Royal Commission and prepare submissions on behalf of the Anglican Church of Australia, following consultation with dioceses. The full report on the activities of the Royal Commission Working Group is provided in Book 4.

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In response to recommendations by the RCWG the Standing Committee passed a number of resolutions which have guided the Anglican Church of Australia's response to the recommendations and findings of the Royal Commission.

Redress

In November 2015, in response to recommendations of the RCWG, the Standing Committee encouraged further exploration and consultation in regard to the establishment of an independent, incorporated entity to manage redress services on behalf of the dioceses and Anglican entities that choose to use its services.

In November 2016, following the announcement of the establishment of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme, the Standing Committee endorsed the Primate's welcome of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme and committed to working constructively with governments in delivering redress to survivors of abuse.

The Standing Committee in November 2016 and February 2017 authorised expenditure on legal expenses associated with the development of a framework for a national Anglican redress scheme with capacity to engage in the Commonwealth Redress Scheme if required.

National Approach to Child Protection

Standing Committee has endorsed a suite of legislation to implement a process of national standards and guidelines in regard to child protection in the areas of screening, training, audit and the adoption of a consistent code of conduct.

Standing Committee also endorsed the review of episcopal standards to provide nationally consistent outcomes in regard to child protection.

Standing Committee endorsed a number of bills to be considered at the Seventeenth Session of General Synod. (Book 5)

13. EPISCOPAL STANDARDS

In November 2014, Standing Committee commended a model Episcopal Standards Ordinance and Protocol for adoption by dioceses. The intention was that this would replace the operation of the Episcopal Standards Canon 2007, which would eventually be repealed, providing dioceses with authority and management of episcopal standards processes within their own jurisdiction.

Standing Committee received reports on the adoption of the new model. In late 2016 it was reported that there was a diversity of episcopal standards processes in place across the 23 dioceses.

In February 2017, Standing Committee *"endorsed the principle of a national episcopal standards process in the Anglican Church of Australia for receiving and investigating complaints against a diocesan bishop and any person who has served as a diocesan bishop, relating to defined misconduct, during their term of office as diocesan bishop."*

Standing Committee appointed an Episcopal Standards Task Force to design a process to bring it into effect. This has resulted in the Standing Committee's endorsement of a bill for an Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017 to be presented to this session of General Synod (Book 5).

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

14. GENERAL SYNOD BODIES

National Home Mission Fund (NHMF)

In response to a recommendation by the NHMF's Chair and Committee, the Standing Committee dissolved the Committee and transferred all responsibility for the management of the fund and disbursement of grants to the Standing Committee Executive Committee in November 2015.

The National Home Mission Fund has disbursed the following grants to dioceses:

Table 1 Disbursement of grants to dioceses

	2014	2015	2016	Comment
Income	\$95,000	\$86,300	\$75,700	Donations received
Grants	\$100,000	\$74,000	\$81,600	4 Grants in 2016 – Riverina / Willochra / NW Australia / NT

Long Service Leave Fund

The Standing Committee confirmed the annual rates for the Notional Stipend, Sabbatical Allowance and participant contribution rate. In May 2015 it endorsed the recommendations of the Board in relation to amendments to entitlements.

In accordance with its authority under s9(4) of the Long Service Leave Canon 2010 Standing Committee disallowed a regulation made the Long Service Leave relating to a new category of participating member in the fund.

Broughton Publishing

The Standing Committee encouraged a review of the operations of Broughton Publishing and in May 2015 appointed new members of the Broughton Publishing Committee. Bishop Ross Nicholson was appointed Chair.

15. NATSIAC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council)

Standing Committee has received reports from NATSIAC and supported its position on the following issues:

- Forced Closure of Communities in West Australia
- Closing the Gap Report 2015
- Motions for presentation to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod.

Standing Committee encouraged each diocese to fill any current vacancies in the membership of NATSIAC and has endorsed a bill to increase the representation from the Diocese of Brisbane.

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16. ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH

The Standing Committee appoints persons to represent the Anglican Church of Australia at ecumenical forums and events.

Christian Conference of Asia – Jakarta 2015

The Most Rev'd Dr Jeff Driver (Episcopal delegate)

Ms Christie Capper (Lay delegate)

Council of the Church of East Asia – Manilla 2015

The Most Rev'd Dr Philip Freier (Episcopal delegate)

The Ven Keith Joseph (Clergy delegate)

Ms Katherine Gibson (Lay delegate)

Mr Bruce Chapman (Youth delegate)

The Standing Committee engages with the international ecumenical activities through the Anglican Communion.

International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue

The Standing Committee received a report from The Most Rev'd Roger Herft, AM Co-Chair of the Dialogue, on its meeting in Buffalo New York in September 2015.

IARCCUM – International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission

The Standing Committee received a report from The Rt Rev'd John Parkes on the meeting of IARCCUM in Rome in October 2016.

Anglican Lutheran International Coordinating Committee

The Standing Committee noted the appointment of The Rt Rev'd Dr Tim Harris as Co-Chair of this Committee.

NCCA – National Council of Churches

The Standing Committee confirmed the following appointments to NCCA bodies under its revised constitution which came into effect in July 2016.

NCCA LTD

- The Primate as Member Nominee
- Ms Anne Hywood nominated for election as a Director

National Council of Churches in Australia Assembly

- The Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall
- Ms Alison Preston

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National Council Churches in Australia — Commissions and other bodies

The following were nominated for appointment on 15 May 2016:

Faith and Unity Commission

- The Rt Rev'd Doug Stevens
- The Rev'd Jane Lee Barker
- The Rev'd Dr Cathy Thomson (resigned)

Social Justice Network

- The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt

Safe Church Network

- Mr Garth Blake SC

Eco-Mission Project

- Ms Claire Duffy

Act for Peace

- Ms Alison Preston
- The Rt Rev'd Cameron Venables (not appointed)

National Council of Churches in Australia Forum 2016 Delegates

- The Rt Rev'd Philip Huggins
- The Rt Rev'd Doug Stevens
- The Rev'd Jane Lee Barker
- Ms Rose Elu
- Ms Anne Hywood

The Standing Committee noted the election of the Rt Rev'd Philip Huggins as President of the National Council of Churches in July 2015.

17. FINANCE

The Standing Committee and its Executive monitored and approved financial reports and budgets based on the forecasts approved at the Sixteenth Session of General Synod. The Standing Committee Financial Report is provided in detail in Book 3.

GENERAL SYNOD OFFICE

Staff Members

General Secretary

Finance and Operations Manager

Assistant to the General Secretary

Long Service Leave Manager

Administrative Assistant

Accountants

National Register Officer

Royal Commission Officer

Communications Project Leader

Ms Anne Hywood

Mrs Marianne Yacoel

Ms Dianne Ellis

Ms Shirall Mayers

Mrs Minna Magoulas

Mr Aaron Imperial

Mrs Renee Tudehope (part time)

Mr Sidney Pelcz (part time)

Ms Anne Baker

(part time contract to December 2017)

Ms Marita Winters

(part time contract Feb 2016 – May 2017)

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Mr Michael Nicholls resigned from the position of Business Manager in November 2016.

Ms Mary Phipps-Ellis resigned from the position of Executive Assistant to the General Secretary in May 2017.

Office Location

The General Synod Office relocated to Suite 4, Level 5 189 Kent Street Sydney in August 2014, following the expiry of its lease at 51 Druitt Street, Sydney. The current lease is for a five year period to expire in 2019.

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**IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS OF
THE
SIXTEENTH SESSION OF GENERAL SYNOD (2014)**

Introduction

This report provides a list of the substantive resolutions of the Sixteenth Session of General Synod and action taken to implement them. Resolutions relating to the administration of that Session of the Synod are excluded.

*Resolutions marked with an asterisk were directed, either in whole or in part, to the attention of the Dioceses by circular letter dated 28 July 2014.

The resolutions are grouped by subject matter. The groups are arranged in alphabetical order:

- Church Law
- Finance
- Liturgy and Worship
- Mission and Ministry
- Professional Standards
- Public Affairs
- Synod Procedure

Within each group, the resolutions are arranged in the order in which they were passed.

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RESOLUTION		ACTION
CHURCH LAW		
30/14	The Province of New South Wales Ordinance Mr Doug Marr moved, Bishop Sarah Macneil seconded, That General Synod: - notes that the Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011 was passed by the NSW Provincial Synod in May 2011; - notes that the NSW Anglican Church of Australia Constitution Act 1902 requires changes to the NSW Provincial Constitution to be ratified by, or made in accordance with, a canon of the General Synod; - notes that this ordinance has received the assent of most of the dioceses in NSW; - notes it is expected that in the near future the ordinance will have received the assent of all dioceses of NSW; - asks the Standing Committee of General Synod, once the proposed change has been approved by all dioceses in NSW, to seek approval by General Synod canon by implementing the procedures of a circular canon as provided in section 28A of the Constitution. 1 July 2014	A Bill for a Canon to Ratify the Amended New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution was circulated in accordance with the procedures of a circular canon s28A of the Constitution. It did not receive the required number assents. A Bill for a Canon to Ratify the Amended New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution will be presented to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod.
FINANCE		
60/14	Resourcing the Royal Commission Working Group Mr Garth Blake SC moved, Mr Ken Spackman seconded, That: - This General Synod welcomes the Interim Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The General Synod expresses its commitment to continuing the work with the Royal Commission so that child sexual abuse can find no place within Australia society in the Anglican Church of Australia. - That the General Synod authorise the General Secretary to employ a Royal Commission Officer to perform the functions set out in the report on page 7-250 in Book 7 of the Synod papers, in consultation	A Royal Commission Officer, Ms Anne Baker was appointed on 11 July 2016 on a contract basis. (60/14(2)) Payments from the Reserve Fund

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RESOLUTION	ACTION
with the Metropolitans, on a contract basis for a total remuneration package of up to \$120,000 per annum, and that the expenditure so incurred be recouped from the Statutory Fund by an additional assessment over and above 3.5% cap resolved by the Standing Committee in November 2013 (SC2013/2/40). 3 That the General Synod authorise the Royal Commission Working Group, in consultation with the Metropolitans, to incur costs in relation to the hearing by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse as the Working Group deems appropriate up to a limit of \$300,000 to be paid from the Reserve Fund. 3 July 2014	for legal expenses incurred in representation at Royal Commission Public Hearings did not exceed \$20,000. (60/14(3))
LITURGY AND WORSHIP	
32/14 Liturgical Resources The Very Rev'd Chris Chataway moved, The Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith seconded, That this Synod welcomes the resources produced by the Liturgy Commission in 2010–2013, and commends them to the Anglican Church of Australia for use and response: • Environment liturgical resources • Liturgical resources for the prevention of violence against women • Seasonal liturgical resources • Resources for anniversaries and commemorations • Supplementary resources for Baptism • Occasional services and prayers. 1 July 2014	Resources produced by the Liturgy Commission are available on the Liturgy Commission page of the General Synod website at anglican.org.au/liturgy-commission
33/14 Liturgical Matters The Rev'd Dane Courtney moved, The Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly seconded, That General Synod affirms the role of the Liturgy Commission in providing resources and advice on liturgical matters for the Anglican Church of Australia through the House of Bishops and the Standing Committee of General Synod. 1 July 2014	Resources produced by the Liturgy Commission are available on the Liturgy Commission page of the General Synod website at anglican.org.au/liturgy-commission.

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RESOLUTION		ACTION
43/14	Future Liturgical Resources Bishop Garry Weatherill moved, The Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith seconded, That General Synod recognises that the liturgical and missional context of the ACA has changed significantly in the 18 years since the adoption of APBA as "liturgical resources" and requests the Liturgy Commission to explore what kinds of liturgical resources may be needed, and in what forms they might be provided, to serve the ACA in the future, and to report back to the next session of General Synod. 2 July 2014	Report is provided in the report of the Liturgy Commission to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod in Book 4.
67/14	Resources for Hearing Confessions Bishop Paul White moved, Bishop Barbara Darling seconded, That the General Synod requests the National Bishops' Meeting to provide suitable resources for use by those hearing confessions which address the issues surrounding penitence, contrition and amendment of life in the light of contemporary expectations concerning transparency and disclosure. 4 July 2014	Issues relating to confessions, including amendments to the Canon Concerning Confessions 1989 were discussed at the National Bishops' Meetings in 2015, 2016 and 2017.
MISSION AND MINISTRY		
21/14	A Co-ordinated approach to the further education of Indigenous Clergy Archdeacon Brian Kirk moved, Ms Rose Elu seconded, That General Synod encourages Anglican theological educators to consult the theological working party of NATSIAC to improve education of Indigenous clergy. 30 June 2014	Referred to the Principals of Anglican theological colleges in Australia and New Zealand by circular letter dated 17 July 2014
24/14 *	Ministry to the Defence Force Mr Allan Sauer moved, Mr Allan Gallimore seconded, That the General Synod welcomes the Report of the Defence Force Board. Further, Synod:	Referred to dioceses by circular letter dated 28 July 2014

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1 Notes the retirement of the Right Reverend Len Eacott, AM, the Fifth Bishop to the Defence Force, expressing deep appreciation for his untiring and committed leadership during his episcopate; 2 Congratulates the Right Reverend Ian Lambert on his appointment and Installation as the Sixth Bishop to the Defence Force, assuring him of our prayers and encouragement as he continues this ministry; 3 Congratulates the Bishop to the Defence Force, the Principal Chaplains, and Chaplain the Rev'd Tim Booker CSM. for their work in implementing the Faith under Fire Course - Investigating Faith in a Modern Defence Force for use throughout the Australian Defence Force; 4 Affirms again the gospel and pastoral ministry of the Anglican Church to members of the Australian Defence Force, especially through its military chaplains; 5 Recognising the extraordinary situations in which the ADF chaplains exercise their ministries affirms our support for them, assures them of our prayers, and ask parishes and ministry units to remember them on "Defence Sunday". 30 June 2014	
25/14 * Defence Force Chaplaincy Mr Alan Gallimore moved, Mr Allan Sauer seconded, That this General Synod welcomes the Report of the Defence Force Board. Further, that General Synod: 1. Affirms the ministry of Anglican Chaplains, both full-time and part-time, to members of the Australian Defence Force; 2. Notes that, for some years, dioceses have been encouraged to hold "Defence Sunday" on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Day (11 November) with the special intention of offering prayers and support to the Defence community, including Defence Chaplains; 3. Notes that the Australian Lectionary includes three days as special days of prayer as agreed by General Synod (2001), namely: 4th November (when Australian Anglicans and Roman Catholics are asked to pray for each other), the second Sunday in July (Sea Sunday) and the last Sunday in August (prayer for refugees); 4. Determines that the Sunday prior to Remembrance Day (11 November) be designated "Defence	A recommendation that the designation of the <i>second</i> Sunday in November as "Defence Sunday" is included in the report of the Liturgy Commission to Seventeenth Session of General Synod provided in Book 4. (25/14(4))

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Sunday” and requests the Liturgy Commission to add this to the special days of prayer in the Australian Lectionary; 5. Notes that the Defence Anglicans web site includes information about Defence Sunday and special prayers that people are invited to use (www.defenceanglicans.org.au/defence-sunday-2); 6. Encourages parishes to invite a Defence Chaplain to visit them on Defence Sunday in order to hear about ministry within the Defence Force, both at home and abroad. 30 June 2014	
27/14 <i>Christ Died for Our Sins: Essays on the Atonement</i> Ms Caitlin Hurley moved, The Rev'd Dr Peter Bolt seconded, General Synod notes the circulation to its members of the General Synod Doctrine Commission's book <i>Christ died for our sins: essays on the atonement</i>, and commends the further study of this important book of essays. 30 June 2014	Notice of availability of the book <i>Christ Died for Our Sins: Essays on the Atonement</i> from the General Synod Office was sent to members of the General Synod in April 2014.
28/14 * Diocesan policies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry Archdeacon Brian Kirk moved, Ms Rose Elu seconded, That General Synod encourages all dioceses, where no policy for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ministry exists, to formulate such a policy in consultation with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Anglicans in the diocese and with NATSIAC, which a) includes consideration, where appropriate, of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander membership of committees and governing bodies; b) includes consideration of developing ordained and licensed lay ministry; and c) ensures that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans are recognised as members of the Church rather than clients or the objects of mission. 30 June 2014	Referred to dioceses by circular letter dated 28 July 2014

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RESOLUTION		ACTION
37/14	Task Force on Mission Bishop Trevor Edwards moved, Mrs Sue Williams seconded, That this General Synod, a) directs the Standing Committee of General Synod to reappoint the Task Force on Mission to continue its work as a catalyst for missional culture change in this Church; b) recommends, specifically, that this Task Force be asked to pursue the following objectives: i) continue to provide oversight to advance the training of ordained and lay pioneers, especially through ongoing training with mission shaped church and other such training programmes; ii) explore more effective means for promoting the development of fresh expressions of church and culturally relevant Anglican Church planting; iii) consider matters relating to innovation and the extension of parish ministry and mission, while continuing to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Connect2Church initiative in helping Anglican congregations to be more welcoming and invitational in outlook; iv) develop communication strategies and share resources to foster mutual learning between dioceses in order to enhance the health and growth of churches; and v) create and foster a mutually supportive network of practitioners. 1 July 2014	The Task Force on Mission was reappointed for a term of six months in March 2014. In May 2016, Standing Committee resolved to amalgamate the Taskforce on Mission and the Ministry Commission. The report of the Ministry Commission to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod is provided in Book 4. A Bill for the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Amendment Canon to change the name of the <i>Ministry Commission</i> to the <i>Mission and Ministry Commission</i> will be presented to the Seventeenth Session of the General Synod.

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42/14 * Hospitality Bishop Peter Stuart moved, Archdeacon Arthur Copeman seconded, That this General Synod reaffirms its encouragement to every diocese to encourage parishes, schools and agencies to reaffirm their commitment to welcoming and including people in the life of the Church by investigating factors which may prevent people from participating fully, especially people with lived experience of disability, and initiating improvements which enhance accessibility and participation. 2 July 2014	Referred to dioceses by circular letter dated 28 July 2014.
52/14 * Encouraging Church Unity Acting Justice Peter Young moved, The Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly seconded, This General Synod endorses the following Statement and commends it to dioceses inviting each diocese to commit itself to fulfil to the best of its ability the expectations described in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 following. The General Synod further acknowledges the importance of the serious internal issues raised in the National Church Unity Task Force Supplementary Report and requests to the Standing Committee the continuation of work of this Task Force in a reconstituted form, to report to the next General Synod. FOUNDATIONS 1. The Anglican Church of Australia is a fellowship within the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church in which each member diocese recognises loyalty to Christ and in particular, a common faith and order, a shared inheritance in worship, life and mission and a readiness to live in an interdependent life. 2. The members of this Church are incorporated into the one body of Christ and are called by Christ to pursue all things that make for peace and unity. 3. This Church is constituted by the consent of its members and ratified by the Acts of Parliament of the several states and territories of Australia as the Anglican Church of Australia Act 1961 or 1962. EXPECTATIONS 4. The dioceses of this church look to each other to spend time with openness and patience to listen pray and study together in order to discern the will of God for this Church and its people as we seek to be led by the Holy Spirit into all truth and to proclaim	Referred to dioceses by circular letter dated 28 July 2014.

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	the Gospel afresh in each generation. 5. Each diocese expects that all dioceses will support each other and co-operate in a process of discernment and seeking direction for the spread of the Gospel throughout Australia and beyond. 6. The dioceses expect each other to act with diligence care and caution in respect of any action which may provoke controversy, which by its intensity, substance or extent could threaten the unity of this Church. 2 July 2014	
63/14 *	Respectful Dialogue for Repair, Healing and Wisdom The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moved, Bishop Stephen Pickard seconded, That this Synod 1. Notes that: a) Members of this church want the church to be involved in the shaping of public and church policy in diverse areas, some of which are very complex and controversial. The Public Affairs Commission has contributed to some, such as those in a special issue of St Mark's Review <i>'Seeking Christian responses to 'wicked' problems'</i>, eg sustainable growth, and population and environment. b) There are many other complex issues that can be difficult to discuss in meaningful ways, eg the future of marriage, the structure of family life, euthanasia, stem cell research, asylum seekers and refugees and how to respond to climate change. c) Members of this church in good faith hold a diversity of opinions as to how such complex issues are to be assessed and responded to. 2. Recognises that : a) the church needs to undertake a journey of repair and healing in which the fundamental connectivity between God, the world and all living things is emphasised more. b) the church needs to set an example in its life and action that can assist repair of our institutional, social, economic, political, personal and spiritual life. c) the church needs to seek for a greater wisdom which is to be found at the crossroads of life. As the church seeks this wisdom it will soften our contests as we undertake respectful dialogue	Referred to dioceses by circular letter dated 28 July 2014

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on important, difficult and urgent matters. 3. Notes that: The Social Responsibilities Committee in Brisbane has been sponsoring a process to provide a safe entry point for church members from across the Diocese of Brisbane to commence or continue their process of learning and listening on complex issues by exploring techniques for dialogue. Such approaches reflect the spirit of 'Indaba' adopted at the Lambeth Conference in 2008. 4. Calls on Dioceses to be active in exploring how dialogue techniques might be used to deepen our Church's capacity for respectful dialogue and provide us with more means for acting wisely and faithfully on complex issues. 3 July 2014	
65/14 * Report of Viability and Structures Task Force Bishop Andrew Curnow AM moved, Archdeacon Richard Condie seconded, That Synod: 1. Welcomes the Report of the Viability and Structures Task Force. 2. Resolves to: a) Refer the Report to the dioceses for their consideration and response to the Standing Committee of General Synod by 31 October 2014, b) Commend the Diocesan Financial Advisory Group (DFAG) for their work on the financial well-being of dioceses and request all dioceses to co-operate with DFAG as they continue with that task, c) Request the Provincial bodies within the Anglican Church of Australia to each institute an urgent review of the number and boundaries of dioceses in their respective Province including consideration of boundaries across current provincial borders, using as a guide the viability criteria outlined in this Report, d) Request the Australian Bishops' Meeting to develop a protocol for the training of new bishops in the Anglican Church of Australia,	Referred to dioceses by circular letter on 28 July 2014. The Viability and Structures Steering Group was established in November 2014 to progress the recommendations of the Taskforce. The report of the Viability and Structures Task Force to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod is provided in Part B of Book 2 – Standing Committee Report.

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e) Refers the Report to the Fresh Expressions Australia Task Force, Anglicare Australia, the Anglican School's Network and other organisations within the Church with a request that they report to the Standing Committee of General Synod and to the Dioceses as to how they can best assist in responding to the issues raised, f) Requests the Ministry Commission of General Synod to examine the issues from the Report related to the provision and training for ordained ministry, and the various current models of non-stipendiary ministry in the Anglican Church of Australia and the development of appropriate standards of selection, training and professional development, and to report to the Standing Committee of General Synod and to the Dioceses. g) Requests the Fresh Expressions Australia Task Force to consider the questions of diocesan vitality and viability together. 3. Requests the Standing Committee of General Synod to: a) Establish a Steering Group of seven persons: • to plan and coordinate the dissemination of the Report and the responses of the dioceses • to develop and implement strategies to address the issues raised in the report. b) Establish DFAG as a Task Force of General Synod under the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Canon 1998 and establish its Terms of Reference. c) Establish, through the Australian Registrar's Network, a programme of ongoing training for Registrars and senior diocesan administration staff. d) Seek agreement from the dioceses on a comprehensive and holistic way in which General Synod can address the needs of Dioceses seeking help with financial difficulties, risk management, governance concerns professional standards and operational viability. 4. Receives the report from the Diocesan Financial Advisory Group (DFAG). 5. Refers the matters raised therein for further consideration by the Standing Committee. 6. Synod reaffirms its confidence in the future of the Anglican Church of Australia (Synod resolution	

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	12-01) and calls upon all Diocesan Synods to examine the Matthew 28 text containing the Great Commission, and encourages all Anglican ministries to make disciples of Christ, from peoples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them from the Bible to observe all the words of Christ; and consider what cultural and ministry emphasis changes need to occur, within every Diocese, in order to increase each Diocese' effectiveness in raising up disciple-making disciples of Christ. 7. With respect to the strategies referred to in paragraph 3(a), the following matters be referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and for report to each diocese as soon as possible: a) legislation or other actions which the Standing Committee recommends to implement the strategies developed by the Steering Group; b) the convening of a special general synod as soon as practicable for the sole purpose of considering such strategies and any necessary legislation; c) whether the special general synod should involve small groups discussions prior to any legislation or other actions being debated in the special general synod; and d) ways to minimize the cost the special general synod. 3 July 2014	
66/14	Conversation on Marriage The Rev'd Dr Andrew McGowan moved, Bishop Garry Weatherill seconded, That this Synod: 1. acknowledges the conversation continuing in this Church about the celebration of marriage with respect to eligibility of persons who have not been baptised to be married in Anglican churches, and 2. requests the Liturgy and Doctrine Commissions to consider ways in which they may inform and support that conversation after this Session, such as: • the possibility of a joint meeting focusing on this topic in the next two years; • preparation and publication of a volume of essays; • holding one or more workshops or consultations enabling communication and conversation on key issues of sacramental theology, liturgical practice, and related missiological and pastoral considerations. 3 July 2014	Referred to the Doctrine Commission and the Liturgy Commission by letter on 7 August 2014. The report of the Doctrine Commission and Liturgy Commission to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod is provided in Book 4.

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RESOLUTION	ACTION
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS	
22/14 * The Charter for the Safety of People within the Churches of the Anglican Communion Mr Garth Blake SC moved. Ms Dianne Shay seconded, The General Synod adopts the Charter for the Safety of People within the Churches of the Anglican Communion. 30 June 2014	Referred to dioceses by circular letter dated 28 July 2014.
23/14 Child Protection Measures Ms Audrey Mills moved, Mrs Dianne Shay seconded, The General Synod: a) commends the National Council of Churches in Australia for organising the <i>Safe as Churches? 2011 and the Safe as Churches? 2013</i> conferences on sexual misconduct and abuse in the Australian churches, and supports ongoing joint action by member churches and other participating Australian churches to promote the welfare and safety of all people within their communities and requests the General Secretary to convey this resolution to the National Council of Churches in Australia; b) recommends that the Commonwealth Government promote a national system that provides for: i) the mandatory reporting of child abuse by persons including ministers of religion to the police and the government child protection authorities; ii) the screening of all persons seeking to work with children in a paid or voluntary capacity; iii) the mutual recognition of clearances for persons to work with children in all States and Territories; and requests that the General Secretary conveys this resolution to the Prime Minister, the Premier or Chief Minister of each State and Territory and the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. 30 June 2014	This issue was drawn to the attention of government representatives and the CEO, Royal Commission by letter dated 4 August 2014. (Resolution 23/14 (b)(iii)).

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37A/14 *	Launch of <i>Faithfulness in Service</i> DVD The Primate spoke of the importance of this resource as a significant intervention in our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and officially launched <i>Faithfulness in Service</i> – a DVD resource for clergy and church workers. Ms Rose Elu prayed in her language for the protection of children in all our communities. Mr Garth Blake SC moved, Mrs Dianne Shay, seconded, The General Synod commends the use of <i>Faithfulness in Service</i> - a DVD resource for clergy and church workers in all Australian dioceses. Carried by acclamation. 1 July 2014	The DVD resource <i>Faithfulness in Service</i> was distributed to Bishops and Directors Professional Standards and published on the General Synod website in November 2015 at anglican.org.au/pr/evention
39/14 *	Professional Standards Audit Mr Garth Blake SC moved, Bishop Geoff Smith seconded, That the General Synod: a) noting the recommendation of the Professional Standards Commission in its Report to the General Synod that each diocese conduct a regular audit of the implementation of its professional standards and safe ministry policies and procedures; b) noting the resolution of the National Bishops' Meeting held from 30 March to 3 April 2014 to support the participation of their dioceses in a professional standards audit process that aims at continuing quality improvement; c) recommends that each diocese implements a professional standards audit process that contains the following elements: i) the Bishop informs the General Secretary that he or she requests an audit of the diocese's professional standards performance against its own policies and procedures which provides recommendations for continuing quality improvement of its practices, policies and procedures noting any recommendations from the General Synod or the Standing Committee; ii) the General Secretary liaises with the Bishop and the diocese engages an auditor and makes	Referred to dioceses by circular letter dated 28 July 2014 — (Resolution 39/14(a)) A Bill for the Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 that includes an audit obligation requirement will be presented to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod.

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	the necessary arrangements for the audit; iii) the auditor visits the diocese and conducts the audit in conjunction with diocesan staff and officers; iv) at the conclusion of the audit, the auditor prepares a full report for the Bishop and Diocesan Council which may include recommendations for further action; v) at the invitation of the diocese the auditor may assist with implementing any recommendations and review progress; vi) the Bishop will send a copy of the report and any diocesan response to the General Secretary within four months of the completion of the report. 1 July 2014	
41/14	Safe Ministry Policies and Practices Ms Dianne Shay moved, Ms Audrey Mills seconded, The General Synod: a) receives the report of the Professional Standards Commission; and b) requests the Professional Standards Commission i) to prepare a report identifying barriers to change in the areas of safe ministry and professional standards in the Church and strategies to address them; and ii) to consult with the Primate with regard to preparing pastoral guidelines for Private Confessions with special reference to Child Sexual Abuse; and iii) to report to the 17th General Synod as to the progress of the Church in the development and implementation of safe ministry policies and structures. 2 July 2014	The report of the Professional Standards Commission to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod is provided in Book 4.
45/14 *	<i>Being Together</i> Mrs Dianne Shay moved, Mr Garth Blake SC seconded, The General Synod: a) adopts <i>Being Together</i> as the statement of expectations regarding the behaviour of members of Church communities; b) authorises the revision of <i>Being Together</i> by the	Referred to dioceses by circular letter dated 28 July 2014.

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Standing Committee subject to any proposed revision being circulated to dioceses for comment before being made; c) directs the Standing Committee to table any revision of <i>Being Together</i> at the following session of the General Synod; and recommends that each diocese adopt <i>Being Together</i> as the statement of expectations regarding the behaviour of members of Church communities in the diocese. 2 July 2014	
46/14 <i>Faithfulness in Service</i> Mr Garth Blake SC moved, Archbishop Glenn Davies seconded, That the General Synod: a) notes that the Standing Committee has been authorised by resolution 33/04 to make revisions to <i>Faithfulness in Service</i>; b) notes the retabling of <i>Faithfulness in Service</i> as adopted by the General Synod in 2004; c) notes the tabling of the revisions of Faithfulness in Service made by the Standing Committee since General synod adopted Faithfulness in Service in 2004; d) notes the tabling of the current version of Faithfulness in Service incorporating all revisions made by the Standing Committee since 2004; and e) directs the Standing Committee to table any further revisions at the following session of the General Synod. 2 July 2014	The current version of <i>Faithfulness in Service</i>, is available on the Professional Standards Commission page of the General Synod website at anglican.org.au/professional-standards-commission.
47/14 * Model Episcopal Standards Ordinance Archbishop Philip Freier moved, Archbishop Glenn Davies seconded, That this Synod a) commends for enactment by every diocese the proposed Model Episcopal standards Ordinance attached to the Supplementary Report of the Standing Committee concerning a Model Episcopal Standards Ordinance; b) requests that where a diocesan synod enacts or proposes to enact an Ordinance which departs in any matter of substance from the Model Ordinance,	In November 2014, the Standing Committee commended the Model Episcopal Standards Ordinance for adoption by dioceses. In the period from November 2014 to February 2017,

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	the Standing Committee be notified of the proposal or enactment; and c) requests the Standing Committee to appoint a group to review such notifications, to discuss, where appropriate, the proposal or enactment and, where appropriate, to make recommendations for amendment of the Model Ordinance. 2 July 2014	8 dioceses had adopted the Model Episcopal Standards Ordinance or a variation thereof. The Episcopal Standards Task Force established on 10-11 February 2017. A bill for the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon will be presented at the Seventeenth Session of General Synod.
48/14	Offences Canon 1962 The Hon. David Bleby QC moved, Mr Michael Shand QC seconded, That the Church Law Commission be asked to review the provisions of the Offences Canon 1962 and to report to the next session of the General Synod with respect to any proposed amendments. 2 July 2014	The report of the Church Law Commission to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod is provided in Book 4. A Bill for the Offences Amendment Canon 2017 will be presented to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod.
49/14	Section 56(6) of the Constitution The Hon. David Bleby QC moved, Mr Michael Shand QC seconded, That the Church Law Commission be asked to prepare legislation for consideration at the next session of the General Synod for the removal of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bishops from the operation of section 56 (6) of the Constitution. 2 July 2014	The report of the Church Law Commission to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod is provided in Book 4.

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50/14	Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 The Hon. David Bleby QC moved, Mr Michael Shand QC seconded, That the Standing Committee be requested to promote legislation for consideration at the next session of the General Synod – a) to repeal the <i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007</i>; and b) to enact an Episcopal Standards Canon in the form of the Model Episcopal Standards Ordinance, with appropriate modifications, applicable to a Bishop assistant to the Primate in his or her capacity as such. 2 July 2014	This resolution has been superseded by the recommendations of the Episcopal Standards Task Force established by Standing Committee in February 2017.
51/14	Register of Persons willing and able to be appointed to Professional Standards Roles The Hon. David Bleby QC moved, Mr Michael Shand QC seconded, That the Standing Committee be requested and authorised to prepare and maintain a register of persons who are willing and able to be appointed to the following diocesan positions: a) Director of Episcopal Standards b) Member of an Episcopal Standards Committee c) Member of an Episcopal Standards Board d) Member of an Episcopal Standards Review Board e) Director of Professional Standards f) Member of a Professional Standards Committee g) Member of a Professional Standards Board h) Member of a Professional Standards Review Board 2 July 2014	This resolution has been superseded by the recommendations of the Episcopal Standards Task Force established by Standing Committee in February 2017.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS		
38/14	Human Rights Bishop Robert Forsyth moved, Dr Karin Sowada seconded, That the General Synod: i) affirms the importance of freedom of religion and its manifestation in the related freedoms of speech, association and conscience for a healthy and mature society; and ii) declaring its opinion that such freedoms are at risk of being undermined in Australian society due to a focus on other, sometimes competing, rights, calls on the Federal, State and Territory governments to take steps to ensure that the freedoms of religion, speech, association and conscience are protected, strengthened and promoted; and iii) calls on the Federal Government to continue its advocacy of such freedoms internationally through diplomatic channels and other appropriate instruments of global engagement; and iv) respectfully request the Primate to convey the above terms of this resolution to the Prime Minister, the Premiers of the States, the Chief Ministers of the Territories and their respective Attorneys General. 1 July 2014	This issue has been progressed by the Public Affairs Commission. The report of the Public Affairs Commission to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod is provided in Book 4.
54/14 *	Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Dr Carolyn Tan moved, The Rev'd Peter Sandeman seconded, That this Synod: 1. welcomes the commitment by the Commonwealth Government to promote the constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and to seek a multi-party approach to such constitutional reform; 2. supports the principles of reforming the Australian Constitution to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and to remove provisions allowing governments to discriminate adversely against people on the grounds of race; 3. commends the dioceses and church organisations who have produced information and study guides, such as those found at	This issue has been progressed by the Public Affairs Commission with NATSIAC. The report of the Public Affairs Commission and NATSIAC to the Seventeenth Session of

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http://www.perth.anglican.org/visible-and-valued and http://anglican churchesq.org.au (at Social Responsibilities Committee page); and 4. encourages all Anglicans to study and engage with the issues concerning constitutional recognition. 2 July 2014	General Synod is provided in Book 4.
55/14 * Responses to Refugees and Asylum Seekers The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moved, Bishop Philip Huggins seconded, That, acknowledging the Federal Government's constitutional authority to administer orderly immigration policy; recognising the moral complexities of the task; remembering the daily difficulties endured by defence force personnel; and accepting that 'people trafficking' is an insidious social evil: 1. this Synod nonetheless affirms the basic human right to seek asylum as expressed in the UN Convention, and affirms Australia's past positive record of providing refuge and asylum; 2. urged by the compassion of God, the Synod therefore respectfully calls upon the Federal Government to honour Australia's international obligations, and urges Government and Opposition to reconsider and revise some aspects of their current policy, including; • arbitrary treatment of people under the Migration Act (1958) depending on their mode of arrival, not upon their status as asylum seekers; • emotive use of the term 'illegal' to describe asylum seekers whose refugee status has yet to be determined; • continuing recourse to off-shore detention facilities; • continuing instances of immigration detention of women and children; • continuing instances of periods of detention greater than three months, which put detainees at clear risk of serious mental illness; • imbalance of fiscal priorities toward border patrol and detention services, and away from diplomacy, regional capacity building and international refugee foreign aid; • arbitrary and retrospective discrimination against family stream applicants who have received permanent visa, passed the relevant tests and paid the relevant fees, but who were maritime arrivals; • the suppression of information about maritime operations involving refugees;	This issue has been progressed by the Refugee and Migrant Working Group and was drawn to the attention of government representatives by letter dated 28 July 2014. The report of the Refugee and Migrant Working Group to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod is provided in Book 4.

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• the secrecy surrounding the operation of offshore detention centres; • risk of alienation, and barriers to integration, from lack of access to government services under limited visa conditions; and • the rapidly changing policy environment that often leaves asylum seekers and their advocates uncertain of how to proceed; 3. the Synod urges Government and Opposition to work with regional neighbours and the UNHCR to develop a compassionate and workable regional response to refugees and asylum seekers, also to enable quicker processing and acceptance of greater numbers of refugees located in UN refugee camps close to the countries of origin they have left and to develop immigration policies that are more just and compassionate, so that they can be remembered with pride by future generations of Australians, while appropriately protecting the current generation of Australians; 4. the Synod also recognizes with gratitude the work of Anglican auspiced refugee agencies; existing refugee ministries of local churches; it encourages more local churches to engage in loving refugees with practical care and sharing Christ's love, and commends study resources and work of the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce (ACRT - www.australianchurchesrefugeetaskforce.com.au); 5. requests the Primate to advise the Prime Minister, Minister of Immigration and Border Protection, and the Leader of the Opposition of the contents of the motion. 2 July 2014	
56/14 * International Development to Reduce Poverty Bishop Chris Jones moved, Bishop Peter Stuart seconded, That this Synod: 1. gives thanks for the progress of the international community towards reaching the Millennium Development Goals that end in 2015; 2. supports a continuing global commitment to ending extreme poverty through the establishment of a new global development framework under the auspices of the United Nations; 3. encourages Dioceses and individual Anglicans to be generous in their support of international programs to reduce poverty; 4. calls upon the Australian Government over the next	This issue was drawn to the attention of government representatives by letter dated 28 July 2014.

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five years to realize a 0.7% commitment of Australia's GDP to international development that reduces poverty; and 5. calls upon the Australia Government to ensure that significant foreign aid is directed to poverty alleviation. 2 July 2014	
59/14 Leadership at G20 Bishop Stephen Pickard moved, Bishop Peter Stuart seconded, That this Synod encourages the Government of Australia to lead the G20 to: 1. recognise major changes that face humankind in the 21st century, notably: - movement of people from rural to urban environments, many in severe poverty - decreasing food security as global population increases further - climate change, further stressing food production, rendering low-lying land unliveable, and increasing health risks from heat and expanding disease ranges - increases in people seeking asylum because of wars which may appear to be about racial, religious or political competition, but are very likely to be based on competition for food, water and other basic necessities of life; and 2. respond to those who suffer because of these global forces, in all nations but especially those in the poorest two-thirds of the world, through - aid programs of wide and generous scope - sharing responsibility to offer refuge to those who suffer from homelessness due to climate change or persecution because of competition for food, water and other basic necessities. 3 July 2014	This issue was drawn to the attention of government representatives by letter dated 28 July 2014.
61/14 * Response to Climate Change Dr Beth Heyde moved, The Rev'd Peter Sandeman seconded, That this Synod: 1. notes statements in the fifth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that <i>'Warming of the climate system is unequivocal', 'Human influence on the climate system is clear', 'Limiting climate change will require substantial and sustained reductions of greenhouse gas emissions',</i>	This issue has been progressed by the Public Affairs Commission. The report of the

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<i>'Impacts from recent climate-related extremes reveal significant vulnerability and exposure of some ecosystems and many human systems', 'A large fraction of both terrestrial and freshwater species faces increased extinction risk', 'Climate-related hazards exacerbate other stressors, often with negative outcomes for livelihoods, especially for people living in poverty', and 'Climate-change impacts are projected to slow down economic growth, make poverty reduction more difficult, further erode food security, and prolong existing and create new poverty traps';</i> 2. acknowledges with deep regret that it is future generations and other forms of life who will bear the real cost of our heavy dependence on carbon-based energy, if we lack the will to limit climate change; 3. calls on individual Anglicans and our Dioceses, as a theological and moral imperative, to review their commitment to protecting the Earth and be prepared to make significant changes in the ways we live and spend; 4. requests each Diocese to review the criteria for its investments, to give high priority to ecological sustainability and in particular explore removal of fossil fuel industries from Diocesan investment portfolios; 5. expresses grave concern to the Government that - a national target of 5% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (from the 2000 level) by 2020 is well short of the response needed to the data presented in the IPCC report - serious doubt is being expressed by experts about the effectiveness of the policy settings proposed to meet even this low target - a market mechanism such as an emissions trading scheme is not part of its strategy to address climate change. 6. urges the Government to do much more to decrease Australia's heavy fossil fuel dependence and encourage more intentional and extensive investment in renewable energy, and to support international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. 2 July 2014	Public Affairs Commission to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod is provided in Book 4.

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62/14	Care for the Environment Bishop Tom Wilmot moved, Dr Beth Heyde seconded, That this Synod: - expresses its strong support for the Principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development which are recognized in the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, viz; - ecologically sustainable use - conservation of biodiversity - the precautionary principle - intergenerational equity - urges the Government to respect these principles when weighing up competing claims between short term benefits to business and/or the human community and the wellbeing of future human generations and the long term health and sustainability of the more-than-human world; - respects, and expects the Government to respect and act upon, relevant independent evidence-based scientific advice as a core basis for making decisions that involve complex trade-offs between present benefits and the justice owed to future generations; - expresses grave concern about potential or actual impacts of developments such as coal seam gas extraction, agricultural run-off and dredging on the Great Barrier Reef, and weakening of protection of forests in national parks or reserves in several States; - understands that human beings are not to exploit the creation without care for others, but to care for the creation – our world – as God cares for all. 3 July 2014	This issue was drawn to the attention of government representatives by letter dated 28 July 2017. The report of the Public Affairs Commission to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod is provided in Book 4.
64/14	Gambling The Rev'd Canon Sandy Grant moved, The Rev'd Shane Rogerson seconded, This Synod notes the Federal Parliament's inactivity in terms of responding effectively to the Productivity Commission's recommendations in its 2010 report into gambling. Synod grieves for the hundreds of thousands of Australians damaged by pervasive problem gambling throughout our community. Therefore Synod again urges Federal, State and Territory parliaments to enact effective measures – as recommended by experts independent of the gambling industry – to reduce the impact and incidence of problem gambling, especially via poker machines, but also in the	This issue has been progressed by the Public Affairs Commission. The report of the Public Affairs Commission to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod is provided in Book 4.

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	rapidly growing area of online gambling. In addition, Synod calls on all levels of government to take long-term steps to reduce their reliance on revenue raised by taxation on gambling. Synod also refers the issue of gambling and associated problems to the Public Affairs Commission for its careful consideration and requests a report in response by the next General Synod. 3 July 2014	
SYNOD PROCEDURE		
Future Synods		
44/14	General Synod Discussion Groups Follow-up The Rev'd Nigel Fortescue moved, Ms Sue West seconded, This General Synod, recognising the value of the group discussions at this session and the importance of ongoing discussions between its members on matters affecting the Anglican Church of Australia and on matters affecting spiritual, moral and social welfare, requests the General Secretary to put in place arrangements to enable members of the General Synod to exchange their views freely with one another on such matters before, during and after sessions of the General Synod. 2 July 2014	The GS17 Program provides for Small Groups Discussion in combination with the Bible Study Program. The GS17 Program also provides for conference sessions which facilitate engagement on issues outside the confines of Standing Orders.
57/14	Cross-referencing between Motions and Papers The Rev'd Dr Ric Barrett-Lennard moved, Mr Hamish Milne seconded, That the Standing Committee of General Synod be requested to find a way to ensure that: a) at future General Synods each motion that includes a direct or indirect reference to a report, canon or bill or other written document printed within the Books and papers distributed to members prior to the meeting of the General Synod, includes at the end of the descriptor of the motion, the relevant referencing to such	The notice of motions form to be used at GS17 has been revised in accordance with this resolution

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	report, canon, or other written document; and b) The form to give notice of motions be amended so as to include a request that the mover provide such a referencing relevant to the motion. 3 July 2014	
68/14	Small Groups Discussion Programme The Rev'd Dr Michael Stead moved, Archbishop Philip Freier seconded, That this Synod: 1 Expresses its appreciation to the General Synod Design Group and to all who have facilitated the Small Groups Discussions at this synod, especially noting the contributions of Ms Marilyn Redlich and Mr Garth Blake SC. 2 Encourages the Standing Committee to give consideration to the inclusion of similar discussion groups in future synods. 3 Asks the Standing Committee to have a report prepared which summarises the recommendations from small groups, to give consideration to these recommendations, and to circulate the report to the Dioceses.	Small Group Discussion Individual Group Summaries were published on the General Synod website following the Sixteenth Session of General Synod. (68/14(3))

TRUST CORPORATION OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

The Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation is a body corporate which acts as trustee of Church trust property. Its members are known as the Corporate Trustees.

The Trust Corporation is the entity which enters into formal legal arrangements on behalf of the General Synod. Such arrangements include the lease of premises for the General Synod Office and other commercial contracts.

This report has been prepared pursuant to section 21 of the Trust Corporation Canon 2010.

The current corporate trustees are:

- Mr Michael Blaxland
- The Hon Robert Fordham AM
- The Rt Rev'd Robert Forsyth
- Mr Douglas Marr
- Dr Karin Sowada

The Trust Corporation has entered and executed the following agreements:

- Commercial Lease Agreement with AIHL Properties Australia for the General Synod office at 189 Kent Street, Sydney
- Commercial Agreement with Telstra Corporation for the extension of Business Services
- Equipment Lease with Bank of Queensland for IT equipment.

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APPELLATE TRIBUNAL

The Appellate Tribunal determines appeals from the Special Tribunal, a provincial tribunal or a diocesan tribunal in accordance with the Appellate Tribunal Canon 1981.

The Appellate Tribunal currently comprises the following members:

- The Hon Keith Mason AC QC (President)
- The Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall, Archbishop of Brisbane
- The Rt Rev'd John Parkes AM, Bishop of Wangaratta
- The Rt Rev'd Garry Weatherill, Bishop of Ballarat
- The Hon Justice Richard Refshauge
- Ms Gillian Davidson
- The Hon Justice Clyde Croft

The General Secretary is the Registrar of the Appellate Tribunal.

There has been one change to membership in the category of members nominated by the House of Laity since the Sixteenth Session of the General Synod:

Vacancy created by:

- the resignation of The Most Rev'd Roger Herft AM, Archbishop of Perth

Elected on 17 October 2016 to fill vacancy:

- The Rt Rev'd Garry Weatherill, Bishop of Ballarat, pursuant to section 3 (3) of the Appellate Tribunal Canon 1981.

Mr Keith Mason and Justice Richard Refshauge retire as members at the commencement of this session of General Synod having reached the retirement age specified in the Constitution.

There has been one determination of the Appellate Tribunal since the Sixteenth Session of the General Synod:

- Appeal of Keith Francis Slater.

The determination of this appeal is available on the General Synod website

<https://www.anglican.org.au/tribunals-appellate-tribunal-227>.

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INTRODUCTION

This report brings up-to-date the information provided in Book 3 of the General Synod papers. Book 3 presents the Financial Report of the Standing Committee of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

During the Seventeenth Session of General Synod, members were requested to:

- Receive the Treasurer's Report on the financial position at 31 December 2016;
- Receive the audited Annual Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2016 (with 2015 and 2014 comparatives), as adopted by the Standing Committee;
- Receive the Budget for 2017 as approved by the Standing Committee;
- Approve the Budget for 2018; and
- Receive the Forecasts for the years 2019 and 2020.

Chapters 1, 2 & 3 of Book 3 are unchanged.

Chapter 4 details the Budget for 2018, and the Forecasts for 2019 and 2020. Chapter 4 has been updated to reflect the amendments as resolved by the Seventeenth Session of General Synod.

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BUDGET 2018 AND FORECASTS 2019 TO 2020

The Seventeenth Session of General Synod approved the Budget for 2018 (being the year after the General Synod) and received the Forecasts for 2019 and 2020. In due course, the Standing Committee will be asked to approve the Budgets for 2019 and 2020.

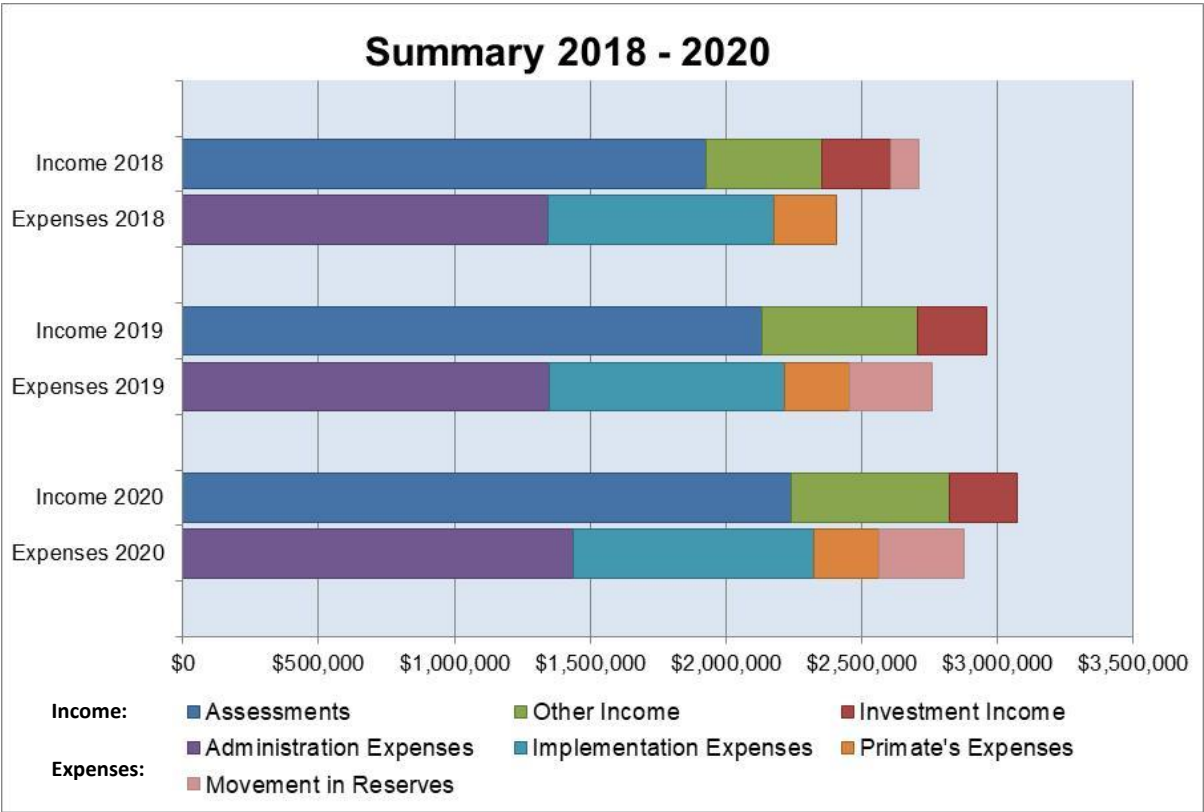
The Budget for 2018 and Forecasts for 2019 and 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Distribution Policy (refer Chapter 1, Book 3).

The detailed schedules for the Budget for 2018 and Forecasts for 2019 and 2020 are included in this paper.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES

The total income and expenses (all 5 funds/accounts) for 2018 to 2020 is graphically presented below.

Graph 2: Summary of Total Income and Expenses



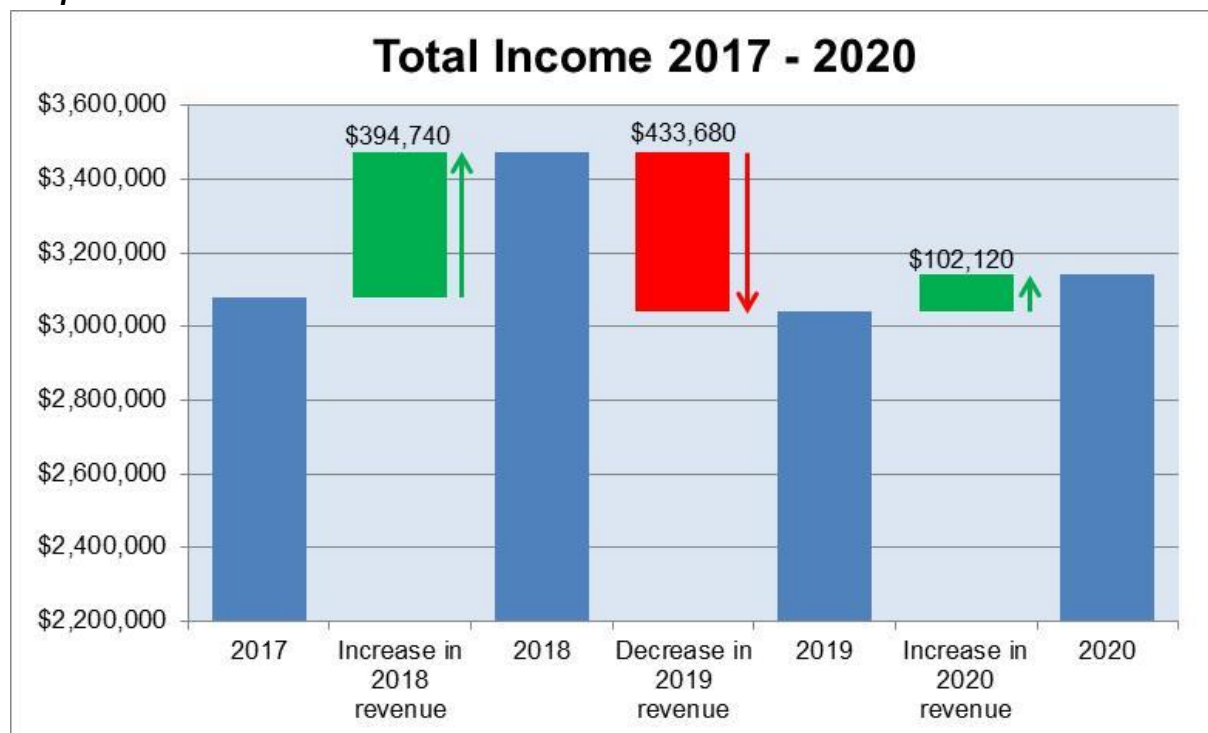
The surplus each year represents investment income earned and managed in the Reserve Fund and the Endowment Fund. There are no surpluses forecasted for the Statutory Assessment Account or the Special Assessment Account.

Explanations for the material items in both income and expenses have been provided in the commentary against each item in the following pages.

TOTAL INCOME

The movement in total income (all 5 funds/accounts) from 2017 to 2020 is graphically presented below.

Graph 3: Total Income 2017 - 2020



The increase in income from Budget 2017 to Budget 2018 is due to:

- An increase in Statutory Assessments and Special Assessments;
- The release of unallocated surpluses accumulated over prior years;
- An increase in investment income;
- A distribution of 80% of Investment Income from the Reserve Fund to the Statutory Assessment Account in accordance with the Distribution Policy; offset by
- The loss of commission and marketing payments from Telstra.

The decrease in income from Budget 2018 to Forecast 2019 is due to:

- An increase in Statutory Assessments and Special Assessments; offset by a reduction in the amount released from prior year unallocated surpluses.

The increase in income from Forecast 2019 to Forecast 2020 is due to:

- An increase in Statutory Assessments and Special Assessments; offset by a reduction in the amount released from prior year unallocated surpluses.

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STATUTORY AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

The movement in Statutory Assessments and Special Assessments over the last triennium and the next triennium is graphically represented below.

Graph 4: Statutory and Special Assessments

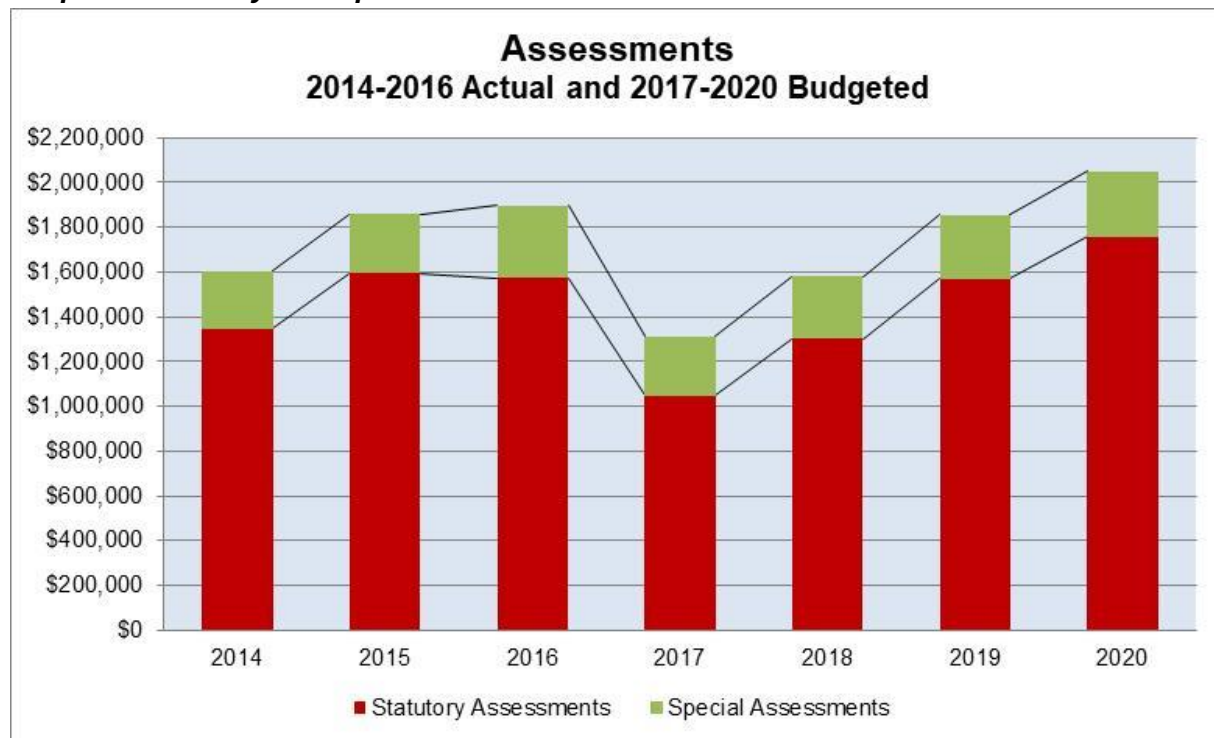


Table 5: Statutory and Special Assessments

Year	Statutory Assessments		Special Assessments		TOTAL	
	Amount \$	Movement %	Amount \$	Movement %	Amount \$	Movement %
Actual 2014	1,345,896	+3	259,588	-1	1,605,484	+3
Actual 2015	1,593,096	+18	265,976	+2	1,859,072	+16
Actual 2016	1,571,760	-1	325,480	+22	1,897,240	+2
Budget 2017	1,045,980	-33	265,460	-18	1,311,440	-31
Budget 2018	1,302,550	+25	276,680	+4	1,579,230	+20
Forecast 2019	1,570,100	+21	284,580	+3	1,854,680	+17
Forecast 2020	1,756,900	+12	292,580	+3	2,049,480	+11

Where a surplus is realised in the Statutory Assessment Account at the end of a year, this surplus has been returned to dioceses as a reduction in the Statutory Assessment payable in the year following the audited Annual Financial Report of General Synod being finalised, being the second year after the surplus is achieved.

In 2015, both the Statutory Assessment Account and Special Assessment Account resulted in a net operating surplus. The 2015 surplus in the Statutory Assessment Account was reflected in the rebate provided in the 2017 Budget, which effectively reduced the amount of Statutory Assessment payable per diocese.

Similarly, a portion of the accumulated surpluses from years prior to 2015 of both the Statutory Assessment Account and the Special Assessment Account have been reflected in a rebate provided in the 2018 Budget. Both the 2019 and 2020 Forecasts also provide a rebate for a portion of the accumulated surplus from prior years.

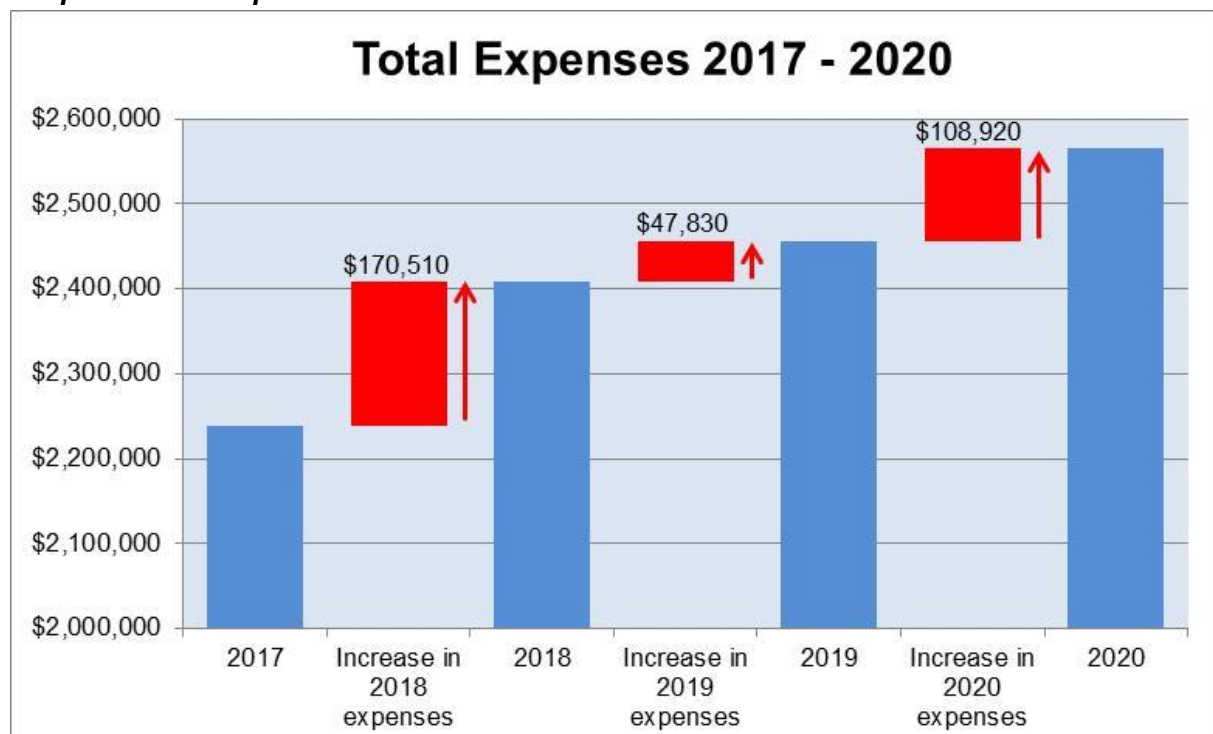
These rebates have been provided to offset some of the year on year increases in the amount of assessment payable by the diocese.

Further surpluses in 2018, 2019 and 2020 are not expected to occur in either the Statutory Assessment Account or the Special Assessment Account.

TOTAL EXPENSES

The movement in total expenses (all 5 funds/accounts) from 2017 to 2020 is graphically presented below.

Graph 5: Total Expenses 2017 - 2020



The increase in expenses from Budget 2017 (excluding “General Synod 17” costs) to Budget 2018 is due to:

- An increase in offices expenses for video conferencing and IT/office fitout, and 2.5% CPI; and

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- An increase in employee expenses (based on approved resources);
- An increase in grants to NATSIAC and the Defence Force Board (2.5% CPI);
- GS17 Implementation expenses –
 - Additional costs related to legal expenses for the establishment of the Redress for Survivors of Abuse entity;
 - Additional costs related to the administration of the Safe Ministry to Children Canon and the Redress for Survivors of Abuse Canon; offset by
- A reduction in the Standing Committee and Executive Committee costs; and
- A reduction in Royal Commission Officer costs.

The increase in expenses from Budget 2018 to Forecast 2019 is due to:

- An increase in employee expenses (2.5% CPI);
- An increase in grants to NATSIAC and the Defence Force Board (2.5% CPI);
- GS17 Implementation expenses –
 - Additional costs related to the commencement of the audits defined in the Safe Ministry to Children Canon; offset by
- A reduction in Commissions / Task Forces / Working Groups costs related to Royal Commission Working Group;
- A reduction in office expenses; and
- No further costs budgeted for a Royal Commission Officer.

The increase in expenses from Forecast 2019 to Forecast 2020 is due to:

- Additional costs for a Primate Election in 2020;
- An increase in employee expenses (2.5% CPI);
- An increase in Commissions / Task Forces / Working Groups costs; and
- An increase in grants to NATSIAC and the Defence Force Board (2.5% CPI).

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CONSOLIDATED BUDGET FOR 2018

	Statutory Assessment Account \$	Reserve Fund \$	Special Assessment Account \$	Business Account \$	Endowment Fund \$	Total \$
INCOME						
Assessments / Rebate						
Assessments	1,302,550		276,680			1,579,230
2016 Surplus	114,000					114,000
Unallocated Surplus Releases	169,000		65,600			234,600
	1,585,550	0	342,280	0	0	1,927,830
Investment Income						
Interest	3,300	1,700	6,000	4,000	400	15,400
Managed Fund - gains/(losses)	24,000	180,000			35,000	239,000
	27,300	181,700	6,000	4,000	35,400	254,400
Other Income						
Distribution from Business A/c	87,700	263,120				350,820
Distribution from Business A/c - accumulated surplus	90,000	280,000				370,000
Distribution from Reserve Fund	144,000					144,000
Grants Received					65,000	65,000
LSLF - Admin Fee				359,040		359,040
Telstra Commissions						0
Allied Pickford Commissions				2,000		2,000
Sundry Income		2,000				2,000
	321,700	545,120	0	361,040	65,000	1,292,860
TOTAL INCOME	1,934,550	726,820	348,280	365,040	100,400	3,475,090
EXPENSES						
Administration						
Office Expenses	210,580		250	44,420		255,250
Rent	73,150			21,850		95,000
Employee Expenses	828,420			217,580		1,046,000
GSSC & Exec Committee Costs	62,000					62,000
	1,174,150	0	250	283,850	0	1,458,250
Implementation						
Grants	115,000		296,830	0	9,000	420,830
Meetings/Conferences/WorkingGrps	164,000		51,200	0		215,200
National Register Expenses	23,700					23,700
Contingency	20,000					20,000
Royal Commission Officer	36,900					36,900
	359,600	0	348,030	0	9,000	716,630
Primate's Expenses						
Diocesan Expenses	65,000					65,000
Travel	41,000					41,000
Primate's Support	128,100					128,100
	234,100	0	0	0	0	234,100
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,767,850	0	348,280	283,850	9,000	2,408,980
Operating Inflow/ (Outflow)	166,700	726,820	0	81,190	91,400	1,066,110
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES						
Transfer to Stat Assessment A/c reserve for GS18	(166,700)					(166,700)
Transfer to Reserve Fund				(60,890)		(60,890)
Transfer to Stat Assessment A/c		(144,000)		(20,300)		(164,300)
Transfer to Reserve Fund - accumulated surplus				(280,000)		(280,000)
Transfer to Stat Assessment A/c - accumulated surplus				(90,000)		(90,000)
Surplus / (Deficit)	0	582,820	0	(370,000)	91,400	304,220

2018 BUDGET – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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	Statutory Assessment Account \$	Reserve Fund \$	Special Assessment Account \$	Business Account \$	Endowment Fund \$	Total \$
Office Expenses						
Assets less than \$1,000	2,160			640		2,800
Auditors Remuneration	27,100			8,100		35,200
Bank Charges	800		250			1,050
Consultants	10,000					10,000
Insurance	31,570			9,430		41,000
IT Costs	37,730			11,270		49,000
Legal (incl legal expenses for Redress)	25,000					25,000
Meeting Room Technology Upgrade	10,000					10,000
Office Fitout	15,000					15,000
Postage and Couriers	2,000			600		2,600
Premises Expense	8,700			2,600		11,300
Printing and Copying	5,240			1,560		6,800
Staff Training & Development	2,310			690		3,000
Staff Conferences	2,390			710		3,100
Staff Amenities	3,160			940		4,100
Staff Travel	6,310			1,890		8,200
Stationery Expense	3,470			1,030		4,500
Subscriptions	1,620			480		2,100
Telephone and Communication	15,020			4,480		19,500
Other Expenses	1,000					1,000
	210,580	0	250	44,420	0	255,250
Grants						
Anglican Consultative Council (GBP110,000)			204,800			204,800
International Anglican Families Network (USD 1000)			1,400			1,400
International Anglican Women's Network			1,100			1,100
Christian Conference of Asia			8,000			8,000
Council of Churches in East Asia (USD 6,000)			8,000			8,000
World Council of Churches (CHF13,000)			18,930			18,930
National Council of Churches in Australia			54,600			54,600
National Aboriginal Bishop					9,000	9,000
Defence Force Board	15,000					15,000
Defence Force Fund	15,000					15,000
NATSIAC	35,000					35,000
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fund	50,000					50,000
	115,000	0	296,830	0	9,000	420,830

2018 BUDGET – STATUTORY ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT

	2017 Budget \$	2018 Budget \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Assessments / Rebate				
Statutory Assessment	1,045,980	1,302,550	256,570	Increase in assessments partly offset
Surplus (2016)	535,520	114,000	(421,520)	by release of surpluses
Unallocated Surplus Release	0	169,000	169,000	Release portion of accumulated surplus from prior years
	1,581,500	1,585,550	4,050	
Investment Income				
Interest	3,350	3,300	(50)	
Managed Fund - gains/(losses)	77,190	24,000	(53,190)	Based on estimate returns on reserve balances
	80,540	27,300	(53,240)	
Other Income				
Distribution from Business Account - prior year surplus	74,690	87,700	13,010	Based on 25% of Business Account surplus from prior year (Distribution Policy)
Distribution from Business Account - accumulated surplus	0	90,000	90,000	Based on 25% of Business Account accumulated surplus
Distribution from Reserve Fund	0	144,000	144,000	80% of Investment Income of Reserve Fund (Distribution Policy)
	74,690	321,700	247,010	
	1,736,730	1,934,550	197,820	
EXPENSES				
Administration				
Office Expenses	174,920	210,580	35,660	Additional detail on separate page
Rent	66,750	73,150	6,400	3%pa increase per lease agreement
Employee Expenses	667,990	828,420	160,430	2.5% salary increase; revised budget based on approved resources (including resource for Safe Ministry to Children Canon & Redress for Survivors of Abuse Canon)
GSSC & Exec Committee Costs	85,000	62,000	(23,000)	2017 included additional GSSC meeting
	994,660	1,174,150	179,490	
Implementation				
Grants	88,000	115,000	27,000	Additional detail on separate page
Meetings/Conferences/WorkingGroups	175,990	164,000	(11,990)	Additional detail on separate page
National Register Expenses	23,000	23,700	700	
Contingency	20,000	20,000	0	
Royal Commission Officer	71,740	36,900	(34,840)	0.3FTE for 2018
	378,730	359,600	(19,130)	
Primate's Expenses				
Diocesan Expenses	65,000	65,000	0	
Travel	40,000	41,000	1,000	Increased by 2.5% on prior year
Primate's Support	125,000	128,100	3,100	Increased by 2.5% on prior year
	230,000	234,100	4,100	
General Synod 17	465,000	0	(465,000)	GS18 expected to be early 2021
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,068,390	1,767,850	(300,540)	
Operating Inflow / (Outflow)	(331,660)	166,700	498,360	
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES				
Transfer to Statutory Assessment A/c reserve for GS17 / GS18	(133,340)	(166,700)	(33,360)	Based on 3 years accumulated in reserve for the 18th General Synod
Transfer from Statutory Assessment A/c reserve for GS17	465,000	0	(465,000)	Reserve release for GS17
Surplus / (Deficit)	0	0	0	

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2018 BUDGET – STATUTORY ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT WORKING GROUPS, COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES DETAIL

	2017 Budget \$	2018 Budget \$	Movement \$	Commentary
Working Groups, Commissions, Task Forces				
Working Groups				
Royal Commission	50,000	50,000	0	Ongoing activity of working group
TOTAL Working Groups	50,000	50,000	0	
Commissions				
Episcopal Standards	25,000	25,000	0	
Professional Standards / Safe Ministry	16,200	9,000	(7,200)	Relates to meeting costs for
Church Law	6,500	3,000	(3,500)	Commissions.
Doctrine	11,000	3,000	(8,000)	Project funding budgeted
Liturgy	6,500	3,000	(3,500)	separately below.
Mission & Ministry	17,500	6,000	(11,500)	
Public Affairs	5,300	3,000	(2,300)	
Ecumenical Relations	4,500	6,000	1,500	
TOTAL Commissions	92,500	58,000	(34,500)	
Task Forces				
Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force	22,000	3,000	(19,000)	Relates to meeting costs. Project funding budgeted separately below.
Viability and Structures	5,150	0	(5,150)	No further activity
Task Force Available Funding	6,340	3,000	(3,340)	Relates to meeting costs. Project funding budgeted separately below.
TOTAL Task Forces	33,490	6,000	(27,490)	
Project Funding	0	50,000	50,000	Funding available for specific projects as proposed by Commissions and Task Forces
TOTAL Working Groups, Commissions, Task Forces	175,990	164,000	(11,990)	

2018 BUDGET – RESERVE FUND

	2017 Budget \$	2018 Budget \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Distribution from Business Account	224,090	263,120	39,030	Based on 75% of Business Account surplus from prior year (Distribution Policy)
Distribution from Business Account accumulated surplus	0	280,000	280,000	Based on 25% of Business Account accumulated surplus
Investment income				
Interest	1,680	1,700	20	
Managed Fund - gains/(losses)	87,000	180,000	93,000	Based on estimate returns on reserve balances
	<u>88,680</u>	<u>181,700</u>	<u>93,020</u>	
Other income				
Sundry Income	2,000	2,000	0	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>314,770</u>	<u>726,820</u>	<u>412,050</u>	
EXPENSES				
Consultant Fees	0	0	0	
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Operating Inflow/ (Outflow)	314,770	726,820	412,050	
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES				
Transfer to Statutory Assessment Account	0	(144,000)	(144,000)	80% of investment income to Statutory Assessment Account once accumulated surplus is equal to (or better) than 1.2 x the total of the previous financial year's operating costs (for all 5 funds) – Distribution Policy
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>314,770</u>	<u>582,820</u>	<u>268,050</u>	

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2018 BUDGET – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT

	2017 Budget \$	2018 Budget \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Assessments / Rebate				
Special Assessments	265,460	276,680	11,220	Increase in assessments partly offset by release of surpluses
Unallocated Surplus Release	65,600	65,600	0	Rebate from accumulated surplus from prior years, released over 4 years
	331,060	342,280	11,220	
Investment income				
Interest	11,000	6,000	(5,000)	Based on estimate returns on reserve balances
TOTAL INCOME	342,060	348,280	6,220	
EXPENSES				
Bank charges	250	250	0	
Grants				
Anglican Consultative Council (GBP110,000)	199,780	204,800	5,020	Subject to foreign currency exchange rate
International Anglican Families Network (USD1,000)	1,400	1,400	0	
International Anglican Women's Network	1,100	1,100	0	
Christian Conference of Asia	8,000	8,000	0	
Council of Churches in East Asia	8,000	8,000	0	
World Council of Churches (CHF13,000)	18,930	18,930	0	
National Council of Churches in Australia	54,600	54,600	0	
	291,810	296,830	5,020	
Meetings/Conferences/Working Groups				
Domestic and International Conferences	45,000	46,100	1,100	
Domestic Meetings of NCCA	5,000	5,100	100	
	50,000	51,200	1,200	
TOTAL EXPENSE	342,060	348,280	6,220	
Operating Inflow/ (Outflow)	0	0	0	

2018 BUDGET – BUSINESS ACCOUNT

	2017 Budget \$	2018 Budget \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Investment Income				
Interest	8,500	4,000	(4,500)	Reduction in interest as accumulated surpluses distributed to Statutory Assessment Account and Reserve Fund
Other Income				
Long Service Leave Fund - Admin Fee	359,040	359,040	0	
Telstra Commissions	260,000	0	(260,000)	Telstra agreement expired. New agreement unlikely to include rebates.
Allied Pickford Commissions	2,000	2,000	0	
	621,040	361,040	(260,000)	
TOTAL INCOME	629,540	365,040	(264,500)	
EXPENSES				
Administration				
Office Expenses	34,240	44,420	10,180	Based on a percentage of the total expense split between Statutory Assessment Account and Business Account. Business Account's share is 23%.
Rent	25,470	21,850	(3,620)	
Employee Expenses	218,010	217,580	(430)	
Implementation				
Meetings/Conferences/Working Groups	1,000	0	(1,000)	
TOTAL EXPENSE	278,720	283,850	5,130	
Operating Inflow / (Outflow)	350,820	81,190	(269,630)	
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES				
Transfer to Reserve Fund - current year surplus	(263,120)	(60,890)	202,230	75% of current year surplus distributed to Reserve Fund (Distribution Policy)
Transfer to Statutory Assessment Account - current year surplus	(87,700)	(20,300)	67,400	25% of current year surplus distributed to Statutory Assessment Account (Distribution Policy)
Transfer to Reserve Fund - accumulated surplus	0	(280,000)	(280,000)	75% of accumulated surplus distributed to Reserve Fund
Transfer to Statutory Assessment Account - accumulated surplus	0	(90,000)	(90,000)	25% of accumulated surplus distributed to Statutory Assessment Account
Surplus / (Deficit)	0	(370,000)	(370,000)	

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2018 BUDGET – GENERAL SYNOD ENDOWMENT FUND

	2017 Budget \$	2018 Budget \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Investment Income				
Interest	400	400	0	
Managed Fund - gains/(losses) - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Fund	19,350	32,000	12,650	Based on estimated returns on fund balances
Managed Fund - gains/(losses) - Defence Force Fund	0	3,000	3,000	Based on estimated returns on fund balances
	<u>19,750</u>	<u>35,400</u>	<u>15,650</u>	
Other Income				
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Fund	37,500	50,000	12,500	Transfer from Statutory Assessment Account
Defence Force Fund	0	15,000	15,000	Transfer from Statutory Assessment Account
TOTAL INCOME	<u>57,250</u>	<u>100,400</u>	<u>43,150</u>	
EXPENSES				
Grants				
National Aboriginal Bishop Grant	9,000	9,000	0	
NATSIAC	5,300	0	(5,300)	One-off additional funding in 2017
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>14,300</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>(5,300)</u>	
Operating Inflow / (Outflow)	42,950	91,400	48,450	

2018 BUDGET – ASSESSMENTS

Statutory Assessments			Special Assessments		
		2018 Budget \$			2018 Budget \$
General Synod Members 2017	232		General Synod Members 2017 of Participating Dioceses	158	
Per Member	1	5,614	Per Member	1	1,751
Adelaide	12	67,370	Adelaide	12	21,010
Armidale	4	22,460	Armidale	4	0
Ballarat	4	22,460	Ballarat	4	7,010
Bathurst	4	22,460	Bathurst	4	7,010
Bendigo	4	22,460	Bendigo	4	7,010
Brisbane	22	123,510	Brisbane	22	38,520
Bunbury	4	22,460	Bunbury	4	7,010
Canberra & Goulburn	14	78,600	Canberra & Goulburn	14	24,510
Gippsland	4	22,460	Gippsland	4	7,010
Grafton	4	22,460	Grafton	4	7,010
Melbourne	36	202,100	Melbourne	36	63,040
Newcastle	8	44,910	Newcastle	8	14,010
North Queensland	4	22,460	North Queensland	4	7,010
North West Australia	2	11,230	North West Australia	2	3,500
Northern Territory	2	11,230	Northern Territory	2	3,500
Perth	18	101,050	Perth	18	31,520
Riverina	2	11,230	Riverina	2	3,500
Rockhampton	2	11,230	Rockhampton	2	3,500
Sydney	70	392,980	Sydney	70	0
Tasmania	6	33,680	Tasmania	6	10,510
The Murray	2	11,230	The Murray	2	3,500
Wangaratta	2	11,230	Wangaratta	2	3,500
Willochra	2	11,230	Willochra	2	3,500
		1,302,550			276,680

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CONSOLIDATED FORECAST FOR 2019

	Statutory Assessment Account \$	Reserve Fund \$	Special Assessment Account \$	Business Account \$	Endowment Fund \$	Total \$
INCOME						
Assessments / Rebate						
Assessments	1,570,100		284,580			1,854,680
2017 Surplus	0					0
Unallocated Surplus Releases	212,000		65,600			277,600
	1,782,100	0	350,180	0	0	2,132,280
Investment Income						
Interest	3,300	1,700	4,500		400	9,900
Managed Fund - gains/(losses)	15,000	185,000			42,000	242,000
	18,300	186,700	4,500	0	42,400	251,900
Other Income						
Distribution from Business Account	20,300	60,890				81,190
Distribution from Reserve Fund	148,000					148,000
Grants Received					65,000	65,000
Long Service Leave Fund - Admin Fee				359,040		359,040
Allied Pickford Commissions				2,000		2,000
Sundry Income		2,000				2,000
	168,300	62,890	0	361,040	65,000	657,230
TOTAL INCOME	1,968,700	249,590	354,680	361,040	107,400	3,041,410
EXPENSES						
Administration						
Office Expenses	174,400		250	45,600		220,250
Rent	75,340			22,510		97,850
Employee expenses	849,130			223,020		1,072,150
GSSC & Exec Committee Costs	64,000					64,000
Safe Ministry Audits	120,000					120,000
	1,282,870	0	250	291,130	0	1,574,250
Implementation						
Grants	116,300		301,930		9,000	427,230
Meetings/Conferences/Working Groups	120,200		52,500			172,700
National Register Expenses	24,300					24,300
Contingency	20,000					20,000
	280,800	0	354,430	0	9,000	644,230
Primate's Expenses						
Diocesan Expenses	65,000					65,000
Travel	42,030					42,030
Primate's Support	131,300					131,300
	238,330	0	0	0	0	238,330
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,802,000	0	354,680	291,130	9,000	2,456,810
Operating Inflow / (Outflow)	166,700	249,590	0	69,910	98,400	584,600
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES						
Transfer to Statutory Assessment A/c reserve for GS18	(166,700)					(166,700)
Transfer to Reserve Fund				(52,430)		(52,430)
Transfer to Statutory Assessment A/c		(148,000)		(17,480)		(165,480)
Surplus / (Deficit)	0	101,590	0	0	98,400	199,990

2019 FORECAST – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

	Statutory Assessment Account \$	Reserve Fund \$	Special Assessment Account \$	Business Account \$	Endowment Fund \$	Total \$
Office Expenses						
Assets less than \$1,000	2,230			670		2,900
Auditors Remuneration	27,800			8,300		36,100
Bank Charges	800		250			1,050
Consultants	10,000					10,000
Insurance	32,340			9,660		42,000
IT Costs	38,650			11,550		50,200
Legal	10,000					10,000
Postage & Couriers	2,080			620		2,700
Premises Expense	8,930			2,670		11,600
Printing & Copying	5,390			1,610		7,000
Staff Training & Development	2,390			710		3,100
Staff Conferences	2,460			740		3,200
Staff Amenities	3,230			970		4,200
Staff Travel	6,470			1,930		8,400
Stationery Expense	3,540			1,060		4,600
Subscriptions	1,690			510		2,200
Telephone & Communication	15,400			4,600		20,000
Other Expenses	1,000					1,000
	174,400	0	250	45,600	0	220,250
Grants						
Anglican Consultative Council (GBP110,000)			209,900			209,900
International Anglican Families Network (USD 1000)			1,400			1,400
International Anglican Women's Network			1,100			1,100
Christian Conference of Asia			8,000			8,000
Council of Churches in East Asia (USD 6,000)			8,000			8,000
World Council of Churches (CHF13,000)			18,930			18,930
National Council of Churches in Australia			54,600			54,600
National Aboriginal Bishop					9,000	9,000
Defence Force Board	15,400					15,400
Defence Force Fund	15,000					15,000
NATSIAC	35,900					35,900
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fund	50,000					50,000
	116,300	0	301,930	0	9,000	427,230

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2019 FORECAST – STATUTORY ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT

	2018 Budget \$	2019 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Assessments / Rebate				
Statutory Assessment	1,302,550	1,570,100	267,550	Increase in assessments partly offset
Surplus (2017)	114,000	0	(114,000)	by release of surpluses
Unallocated Surplus Release	169,000	212,000	43,000	Release portion of accumulated surplus from prior years
	1,585,550	1,782,100	196,550	
Investment Income				
Interest	3,300	3,300	0	
Managed Fund - gains/(losses)	24,000	15,000	(9,000)	Based on estimate returns on reserve balances
	27,300	18,300	(9,000)	
Other Income				
Distribution from Business Account - prior year surplus	87,700	20,300	(67,400)	Based on 25% of Business Account surplus from prior year (Distribution Policy)
Distribution from Business Account - accumulated surplus	90,000	0	(90,000)	Based on 25% of Business Account accumulated surplus
Distribution from Reserve Fund	144,000	148,000	4,000	80% of Investment Income of Reserve Fund (Distribution Policy)
	321,700	168,300	(153,400)	
	1,934,550	1,968,700	34,150	
EXPENSES				
Administration				
Office Expenses	210,580	174,400	(36,180)	Additional detail on separate page
Rent	73,150	75,340	2,190	Based on 3%pa increase as per lease agreement
Employee expenses	828,420	849,130	20,710	Based on 2.5% salary increases
GSSC & Exec Committee Costs	62,000	64,000	2,000	
Safe Ministry Audits	0	120,000	120,000	Commencement of the audits defined in the Safe Ministry to Children Canon
	1,174,150	1,282,870	108,720	
Implementation				
Grants	115,000	116,300	1,300	Additional detail on separate page
Meetings/Conferences/Working Groups	164,000	120,200	(43,800)	Additional detail on separate page
National Register Expenses	23,700	24,300	600	
Contingency	20,000	20,000	0	
Royal Commission Officer	36,900	0	(36,900)	No further activity budgeted
	359,600	280,800	(78,800)	
Primate's Expenses				
Diocesan Expenses	65,000	65,000	0	
Travel	41,000	42,030	1,030	Increased by 2.5% on prior year
Primate's Support	128,100	131,300	3,200	Increased by 2.5% on prior year
	234,100	238,330	4,230	
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,767,850	1,802,000	34,150	
Operating Inflow / (Outflow)	166,700	166,700	0	
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES				
Transfer to Statutory Assessment A/c reserve for GS18	(166,700)	(166,700)	0	Based on 3 years accumulated in reserve for the 18th General Synod
Surplus / (Deficit)	0	0	0	

**2019 FORECAST – STATUTORY ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT
WORKING GROUPS, COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES DETAIL**

	2018 Budget \$	2019 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
Working Groups, Commissions, Task Forces				
Working Groups				
Royal Commission	50,000	0	(50,000)	No further activity
TOTAL Working Groups	50,000	0	(50,000)	
Commissions				
Episcopal Standards	25,000	25,000	0	
Professional Standards / Safe Ministry	9,000	9,200	200	Relates to meeting costs for
Church Law	3,000	3,100	100	Commissions.
Doctrine	3,000	3,100	100	Project funding budgeted separately
Liturgy	3,000	3,100	100	below.
Mission & Ministry	6,000	6,200	200	
Public Affairs	3,000	3,100	100	
Ecumenical Relations	6,000	6,200	200	
TOTAL Commissions	58,000	59,000	1,000	
Task Forces				
Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force	3,000	3,100	100	Relates to meeting costs. Project funding budgeted separately below.
Task Force Available Funding	3,000	3,100	100	Relates to meeting costs. Project funding budgeted separately below.
TOTAL Task Forces	6,000	6,200	200	
Project Funding	50,000	55,000	5,000	Funding available for specific projects as proposed by Commissions and Task Forces
TOTAL Working Groups, Commissions, Task Forces	164,000	120,200	(43,800)	

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2019 FORECAST – RESERVE FUND

	2018 Budget \$	2019 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Distribution from Business Account	263,120	60,890	(202,230)	Based on 75% of Business Account surplus from prior year (Distribution Policy)
Distribution from Business Account accumulated surplus	280,000	0	(280,000)	Based on 75% of Business Account surplus from prior year (Distribution Policy)
Investment income				
Interest	1,700	1,700	0	
Managed Fund - gains/(losses)	180,000	185,000	5,000	Based on estimate returns on reserve balances
	<u>181,700</u>	<u>186,700</u>	<u>5,000</u>	
Other Income				
Sundry income	2,000	2,000	0	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>726,820</u>	<u>249,590</u>	<u>(477,230)</u>	
EXPENSES				
Consultant Fees	0	0	0	
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Operating Inflow/ (Outflow)	726,820	249,590	(477,230)	
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES				
Transfer to Statutory Assessment Account	(144,000)	(148,000)	(4,000)	80% of investment income to Statutory Assessment Account once accumulated surplus is equal to (or better) than 1.2 x the total of the previous financial year's operating costs (for all 5 funds) – Distribution Policy
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>582,820</u>	<u>101,590</u>	<u>(481,230)</u>	

2019 FORECAST – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT

	2018 Budget \$	2019 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Assessments / Rebate				
Special Assessments	276,680	284,580	7,900	Increase in assessments partly offset by release of surpluses
Unallocated Surplus Release	65,600	65,600	0	Rebate from accumulated surplus from prior years, released over 4 years
	342,280	350,180	7,900	
Investment income				
Interest	6,000	4,500	(1,500)	Based on estimate returns on reserve balances
TOTAL INCOME	348,280	354,680	6,400	
EXPENSES				
Bank charges	250	250	0	
Grants				
Anglican Consultative Council (GBP110,000)	204,800	209,900	5,100	Subject to foreign currency exchange rate
International Anglican Families Network (USD1,000)	1,400	1,400	0	
International Anglican Women's Network	1,100	1,100	0	
Christian Conference of Asia	8,000	8,000	0	
Council of Churches in East Asia	8,000	8,000	0	
World Council of Churches (CHF13,000)	18,930	18,930	0	
National Council of Churches in Australia	54,600	54,600	0	
	296,830	301,930	5,100	
Meetings/Conferences/Working Groups				
Domestic and International Conferences	46,100	47,300	1,200	
Domestic Meetings of NCCA	5,100	5,200	100	
	51,200	52,500	1,300	
TOTAL EXPENSE	348,280	354,680	6,400	
Operating Inflow/ (Outflow)	0	0	0	

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2019 FORECAST – BUSINESS ACCOUNT

	2018 Budget \$	2019 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Investment Income				
Interest	4,000	0	(4,000)	Reduction in interest as accumulated surpluses distributed to Statutory Assessment A/c and Reserve Fund
Other Income				
Long Service Leave Fund - Admin Fee	359,040	359,040	0	
Allied Pickford Commissions	2,000	2,000	0	
	<u>361,040</u>	<u>361,040</u>	<u>0</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	365,040	361,040	(4,000)	
EXPENSES				
Administration				
Office Expenses	44,420	45,600	1,180	Based on a percentage of the total 660 expense split between Statutory Assessment Account and Business Account. Business Account's share is 23%.
Rent	21,850	22,510	660	
Employee Expenses	217,580	223,020	5,440	
Implementation				
Meetings/Conferences/Working Groups	0	0	0	
TOTAL EXPENSE	283,850	291,130	7,280	
Operating Inflow / (Outflow)	81,190	69,910	(11,280)	
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES				
Transfer to Reserve Fund - current year surplus	(60,890)	(52,430)	8,460	75% of current year surplus distributed to Reserve Fund (Distribution Policy)
Transfer to Statutory Assessment Account - current year surplus	(20,300)	(17,480)	2,820	25% of current year surplus distributed to Statutory Assessment Account (Distribution Policy)
Transfer to Reserve Fund - accumulated surplus	(280,000)		280,000	75% of accumulated surplus distributed to Reserve Fund in 2018
Transfer to Statutory Assessment Account - accumulated surplus	(90,000)		90,000	25% of accumulated surplus distributed to Statutory Assessment Account in 2018
Surplus / (Deficit)	(370,000)	0	370,000	

2019 FORECAST – GENERAL SYNOD ENDOWMENT FUND

	2018 Budget \$	2019 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Investment Income				
Interest	400	400	0	
Managed Fund - gains/(losses) - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Fund	32,000	35,000	3,000	Based on estimated returns on fund balances
Managed Fund - gains/(losses) - Defence Force Fund	3,000	7,000	4,000	Based on estimated returns on fund balances
	<u>35,400</u>	<u>42,400</u>	<u>7,000</u>	
Other Income				
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Fund	50,000	50,000	0	Transfer from Statutory Assessment Account
Defence Force Fund	15,000	15,000	0	Transfer from Statutory Assessment Account
TOTAL INCOME	<u>100,400</u>	<u>107,400</u>	<u>7,000</u>	
EXPENSES				
Grants				
National Aboriginal Bishop Grant	9,000	9,000	0	
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>0</u>	
Operating Inflow / (Outflow)	91,400	98,400	7,000	

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2019 FORECAST – ASSESSMENTS

Statutory Assessments			Special Assessments		
		2019 Forecast \$			2019 Forecast \$
General Synod Members 2017	232		General Synod Members 2017 of Participating Dioceses	158	
Per Member	1	6,768	Per Member	1	1,801
Adelaide	12	81,220	Adelaide	12	21,610
Armidale	4	27,070	Armidale	4	0
Ballarat	4	27,070	Ballarat	4	7,210
Bathurst	4	27,070	Bathurst	4	7,210
Bendigo	4	27,070	Bendigo	4	7,210
Brisbane	22	148,900	Brisbane	22	39,620
Bunbury	4	27,070	Bunbury	4	7,210
Canberra & Goulburn	14	94,750	Canberra & Goulburn	14	25,210
Gippsland	4	27,070	Gippsland	4	7,210
Grafton	4	27,070	Grafton	4	7,210
Melbourne	36	243,650	Melbourne	36	64,840
Newcastle	8	54,140	Newcastle	8	14,410
North Queensland	4	27,070	North Queensland	4	7,210
North West Australia	2	13,540	North West Australia	2	3,600
Northern Territory	2	13,540	Northern Territory	2	3,600
Perth	18	121,820	Perth	18	32,420
Riverina	2	13,540	Riverina	2	3,600
Rockhampton	2	13,540	Rockhampton	2	3,600
Sydney	70	473,760	Sydney	70	0
Tasmania	6	40,610	Tasmania	6	10,810
The Murray	2	13,540	The Murray	2	3,600
Wangaratta	2	13,540	Wangaratta	2	3,600
Willochra	2	13,540	Willochra	2	3,600
		1,570,100			284,580

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CONSOLIDATED FORECAST FOR 2020

	Statutory Assessment Account \$	Reserve Fund \$	Special Assessment Account \$	Business Account \$	Endowment Fund \$	Total \$
INCOME						
Assessments /Rebate						
Assessments	1,756,900		292,580			2,049,480
2018 Surplus						0
Unallocated Surplus Releases	128,000		65,600			193,600
	1,884,900	0	358,180	0	0	2,243,080
Investment Income						
Interest	3,300	1,800	3,000		400	8,500
Managed Fund - gains/(losses)	6,000	190,000			46,000	242,000
	9,300	191,800	3,000	0	46,400	250,500
Other Income						
Distribution from Business Account	17,480	52,430				69,910
Distribution from Reserve Fund	152,000					152,000
Grants Received					65,000	65,000
Long Service Leave Fund - Admin Fee				359,040		359,040
Allied Pickford Commissions				2,000		2,000
Sundry Income		2,000				2,000
	169,480	54,430	0	361,040	65,000	649,950
TOTAL INCOME	2,063,680	246,230	361,180	361,040	111,400	3,143,530
EXPENSES						
Administration						
Office Expenses	178,420		250	46,780		225,450
Rent	77,600			23,190		100,790
Employee expenses	870,400			228,600		1,099,000
GSSC & Exec Committee Costs	66,000					66,000
Safe Ministry Audits	123,000					123,000
Primate Election	50,000					50,000
	1,365,420	0	250	298,570	0	1,664,240
Implementation						
Grants	117,600		307,130		9,000	433,730
Meetings/Conferences/Working Groups	126,400		53,800			180,200
National Register Expenses	24,900					24,900
Contingency	20,000					20,000
	288,900	0	360,930	0	9,000	658,830
Primate's expenses						
Diocesan Expenses	65,000					65,000
Travel	43,080					43,080
Primate's Support	134,580					134,580
	242,660	0	0	0	0	242,660
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,896,980	0	361,180	298,570	9,000	2,565,730
Operating inflow/ (Outflow)	166,700	246,230	0	62,470	102,400	577,800
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES						
Transfer to Statutory Assessment A/c reserve for GS18	(166,700)					(166,700)
Transfer to Reserve Fund				(46,850)		(46,850)
Transfer to Statutory Assessment A/c		(152,000)		(15,620)		(167,620)
Surplus / (Deficit)	0	94,230	0	0	102,400	196,630

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2020 FORECAST – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

	Statutory Assessment Account \$	Reserve Fund \$	Special Assessment Account \$	Business Account \$	Endowment Fund \$	Total \$
Office Expenses						
Assets less than \$1,000	2,310			690		3,000
Auditors Remuneration	28,490			8,510		37,000
Bank Charges	800		250			1,050
Consultants	10,000					10,000
Insurance	33,190			9,910		43,100
IT Costs	39,660			11,840		51,500
Legal	10,000					10,000
Postage & Couriers	2,160			640		2,800
Premises Expense	9,160			2,740		11,900
Printing & Copying	5,540			1,660		7,200
Staff Training & Development	2,460			740		3,200
Staff Conferences	2,540			760		3,300
Staff Amenities	3,310			990		4,300
Staff Travel	6,620			1,980		8,600
Stationery Expense	3,620			1,080		4,700
Subscriptions	1,770			530		2,300
Telephone & Communication	15,790			4,710		20,500
Other Expenses	1,000					1,000
	178,420	0	250	46,780	0	225,450
Grants						
Anglican Consultative Council (GBP110,000)			215,100			215,100
International Anglican Families Network (USD 1000)			1,400			1,400
International Anglican Women's Network			1,100			1,100
Christian Conference of Asia			8,000			8,000
Council of Churches of East Asia (USD 6,000)			8,000			8,000
World Council of Churches (CHF13,000)			18,930			18,930
National Council of Churches in Australia			54,600			54,600
National Aboriginal Bishop					9,000	9,000
Defence Force Board	15,800					15,800
Defence Force Fund	15,000					15,000
NATSIAC	36,800					36,800
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fund	50,000					50,000
	117,600	0	307,130	0	9,000	433,730

2020 FORECAST – STATUTORY ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT

	2019 Forecast \$	2020 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Assessments / Rebate				
Statutory Assessment	1,570,100	1,756,900	186,800	Increase in assessments partly offset
Surplus (2018)	0	0	0	by release of surpluses
Unallocated Surplus Release	212,000	128,000	(84,000)	Release portion of accumulated surplus from prior years
	1,782,100	1,884,900	102,800	
Investment Income				
Interest	3,300	3,300	0	
Managed Fund - gains/(losses)	15,000	6,000	(9,000)	Based on estimate returns on reserve balances
	18,300	9,300	(9,000)	
Other Income				
Distribution from Business Account - prior year surplus	20,300	17,480	(2,820)	Based on 25% of Business Account surplus from prior year (Distribution Policy)
Distribution from Reserve Fund	148,000	152,000	4,000	80% of Investment Income of Reserve Fund (Distribution Policy)
	168,300	169,480	1,180	
	1,968,700	2,063,680	94,980	
EXPENSES				
Administration				
Office Expenses	174,400	178,420	4,020	Additional detail on separate page
Rent	75,340	77,600	2,260	Based on 3%pa increase as per lease agreement
Employee expenses	849,130	870,400	21,270	Based on 2.5% salary increases
GSSC & Exec Committee Costs	64,000	66,000	2,000	
Safe Ministry Audits	120,000	123,000	3,000	Increased by 2.5% on prior year
Primate's Election	0	50,000	50,000	Based on elections in early 2020
	1,282,870	1,365,420	82,550	
Implementation				
Grants	116,300	117,600	1,300	Additional detail on separate page
Meetings/Conferences/Working Groups	120,200	126,400	6,200	Additional detail on separate page
National Register Expenses	24,300	24,900	600	
Contingency	20,000	20,000	0	
	280,800	288,900	8,100	
Primate's Expenses				
Diocesan Expenses	65,000	65,000	0	
Travel	42,030	43,080	1,050	Increased by 2.5% on prior year
Primate's Support	131,300	134,580	3,280	Increased by 2.5% on prior year
	238,330	242,660	4,330	
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,802,000	1,896,980	94,980	
Operating Inflow / (Outflow)	166,700	166,700	0	
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES				
Transfer to Statutory Assessment Account reserve for GS18	(166,700)	(166,700)	0	Based on 3 years accumulated in reserve for the 18th General Synod
Surplus / (Deficit)	0	0	0	

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2020 FORECAST – STATUTORY ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT WORKING GROUPS, COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES DETAIL

	2019 Forecast \$	2020 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
Working Groups, Commissions, Task Forces				
Working Groups				
Royal Commission	0	0	0	No further activity
TOTAL Working Groups	0	0	0	
Commissions				
Episcopal Standards	25,000	25,000	0	
Professional Standards / Safe Ministry	9,200	9,400	200	Relates to meeting costs for
Church Law	3,100	3,200	100	Commissions.
Doctrine	3,100	3,200	100	Project funding budgeted separately
Liturgy	3,100	3,200	100	below.
Mission & Ministry	6,200	6,400	200	
Public Affairs	3,100	3,200	100	
Ecumenical Relations	6,200	6,400	200	
TOTAL Commissions	59,000	60,000	1,000	
Task Forces				
Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force	3,100	3,200	100	Relates to meeting costs. Project funding budgeted separately below.
Task Force Available Funding	3,100	3,200	100	Relates to meeting costs. Project funding budgeted separately below.
TOTAL Task Forces	6,200	6,400	200	
Project Funding	55,000	60,000	5,000	Funding available for specific projects as proposed by Commissions and Task Forces
TOTAL Working Groups, Commissions, Task Forces	120,200	126,400	6,200	

2020 FORECAST - RESERVE FUND

	2019 Forecast \$	2020 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Distribution from Business Account	60,890	52,430	(8,460)	Based on 75% of Business Account surplus from prior year (Distribution Policy)
Investment income				
Interest	1,700	1,800	100	
Managed Fund - gains/(losses)	185,000	190,000	5,000	Based on estimate returns on reserve balances
	<u>186,700</u>	<u>191,800</u>	<u>5,100</u>	
Other income				
Sundry Income	2,000	2,000	0	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>249,590</u>	<u>246,230</u>	<u>(3,360)</u>	
EXPENSES				
Consultant Fees	0	0	0	
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Operating Inflow/ (Outflow)	249,590	246,230	(3,360)	
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES				
Transfer to Statutory Assessment Account	(148,000)	(152,000)	(4,000)	80% of investment income to Statutory Assessment Account once accumulated surplus is equal to (or better) than 1.2 x the total of the previous financial year's operating costs (for all 5 funds) – Distribution Policy
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>101,590</u>	<u>94,230</u>	<u>(7,360)</u>	

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2020 FORECAST – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT

	2019 Forecast \$	2020 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Assessments / Rebate				
Special Assessments	284,580	292,580	8,000	Increase in assessments partly offset by release of surpluses
Unallocated Surplus Release	65,600	65,600	0	Rebate from accumulated surplus from prior years, released over 4 years
	350,180	358,180	8,000	
Investment income				
Interest	4,500	3,000	(1,500)	Based on estimate returns on reserve balances
TOTAL INCOME	354,680	361,180	6,500	
EXPENSES				
Bank charges	250	250	0	
Grants				
Anglican Consultative Council (GBP110,000)	209,900	215,100	5,200	Subject to foreign currency exchange rate
International Anglican Families Network (USD1,000)	1,400	1,400	0	
International Anglican Women's Network	1,100	1,100	0	
Christian Conference of Asia	8,000	8,000	0	
Council of Churches in East Asia	8,000	8,000	0	
World Council of Churches (CHF13,000)	18,930	18,930	0	
National Council of Churches in Australia	54,600	54,600	0	
	301,930	307,130	5,200	
Meetings/Conferences/Working Groups				
Domestic and International Conferences	47,300	48,500	1,200	
Domestic Meetings of NCCA	5,200	5,300	100	
	52,500	53,800	1,300	
TOTAL EXPENSE	354,680	361,180	6,500	
Operating Inflow/ (Outflow)	0	0	0	

2020 FORECAST – BUSINESS ACCOUNT

	2019 Forecast \$	2020 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Investment Income				
Interest	0	0	0	
Other Income				
Long Service Leave Fund - Admin Fee	359,040	359,040	0	
Allied Pickford Commissions	2,000	2,000	0	
	<u>361,040</u>	<u>361,040</u>	<u>0</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>361,040</u>	<u>361,040</u>	<u>0</u>	
EXPENSES				
Administration				
Office Expenses	45,600	46,780	1,180	Based on a percentage of the total 680 expense split between Statutory Assessment Account and Business Account. Business Account's share is 23%.
Rent	22,510	23,190	680	
Employee Expenses	223,020	228,600	5,580	
Implementation				
Meetings/Conferences/Working Groups	0	0	0	
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>291,130</u>	<u>298,570</u>	<u>7,440</u>	
Operating Inflow / (Outflow)	69,910	62,470	(7,440)	
MOVEMENT IN RESERVES				
Transfer to Reserve Fund - current year surplus	(52,430)	(46,850)	5,580	75% of current year surplus distributed to Reserve Fund (Distribution Policy)
Transfer to Statutory Assessment Account - current year surplus	(17,480)	(15,620)	1,860	25% of current year surplus distributed to Statutory Assessment Account (Distribution Policy)
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	

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2020 FORECAST – GENERAL SYNOD ENDOWMENT FUND

	2019 Forecast \$	2020 Forecast \$	Movement \$	Commentary
INCOME				
Investment Income				
Interest	400	400	0	
Managed Fund - gains/(losses) - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Fund	35,000	38,000	3,000	Based on estimated returns on fund balances
Managed Fund - gains/(losses) - Defence Force Fund	7,000	8,000	1,000	Based on estimated returns on fund balances
	<u>42,400</u>	<u>46,400</u>	<u>4,000</u>	
Other Income				
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Fund	50,000	50,000	0	Transfer from Statutory Assessment Account
Defence Force Fund	15,000	15,000	0	Transfer from Statutory Assessment Account
TOTAL INCOME	<u>107,400</u>	<u>111,400</u>	<u>4,000</u>	
EXPENSES				
Grants				
National Aboriginal Bishop Grant	9,000	9,000	0	
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>0</u>	
Operating Inflow / (Outflow)	98,400	102,400	4,000	

2020 FORECAST – ASSESSMENTS

Statutory Assessments			Special Assessments		
		2020 Forecast \$			2020 Forecast \$
General Synod Members 2017	232		General Synod Members 2017 of Participating Dioceses	158	
Per Member	1	7,573	Per Member	1	1,852
Adelaide	12	90,880	Adelaide	12	22,220
Armidale	4	30,290	Armidale	4	0
Ballarat	4	30,290	Ballarat	4	7,410
Bathurst	4	30,290	Bathurst	4	7,410
Bendigo	4	30,290	Bendigo	4	7,410
Brisbane	22	166,610	Brisbane	22	40,740
Bunbury	4	30,290	Bunbury	4	7,410
Canberra & Goulburn	14	106,020	Canberra & Goulburn	14	25,930
Gippsland	4	30,290	Gippsland	4	7,410
Grafton	4	30,290	Grafton	4	7,410
Melbourne	36	272,630	Melbourne	36	66,670
Newcastle	8	60,580	Newcastle	8	14,820
North Queensland	4	30,290	North Queensland	4	7,410
North West Australia	2	15,150	North West Australia	2	3,700
Northern Territory	2	15,150	Northern Territory	2	3,700
Perth	18	136,310	Perth	18	33,340
Riverina	2	15,150	Riverina	2	3,700
Rockhampton	2	15,150	Rockhampton	2	3,700
Sydney	70	530,110	Sydney	70	0
Tasmania	6	45,440	Tasmania	6	11,110
The Murray	2	15,150	The Murray	2	3,700
Wangaratta	2	15,150	Wangaratta	2	3,700
Willochra	2	15,150	Willochra	2	3,700
		1,756,900			292,580