

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

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:

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Fair Go

	<p>Keepad Interactive The Mission to Seafarers Olive Tree Travel</p> <p>Ms Sheridan Veenstra, team leader at Corporate Travel Group for so efficiently facilitating the travel arrangements for General Synod members;</p> <p>Ms Ros Christie, Event Manager, for her support to the General Synod Office and efficient coordination of arrangements with the Novotel Resort;</p> <p>Mr Warwick Kahl, General Manager of the Novotel Twin Waters Resort and his team who have supported our meeting so professionally,</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 September 2017</p>
R69/17	<p>The Hon Peter Young AO QC</p> <p>Dr Laurie Scandrett moving, Dr Robert Tong AM seconding</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>Finally this Synod wishes Peter and Pam God's every blessing for the future. 8 September 2017</p>
R70/17	<p>Bishop Andrew Curnow AM</p> <p>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.</p> <p>8 September 2017</p>
R71/17	<p>Bishop Allan Ewing</p> <p>Bishop Kate Wilmot sought the leave of Synod to bring a Motion without Notice. Leave was so granted.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>8 September 2017</p>
R72/17	<p>Retiring Members of General Synod</p> <p>Bishop Michael Stead sought the leave of Synod to move a motion of appreciation without notice: Leave was so granted.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Dr Baden Teague - Adelaide</p> <p>Bishop Ian Palmer - Bathurst</p> <p>Bishop Andrew Curnow AM - Bendigo</p> <p>Bishop Alison Taylor - Brisbane</p> <p>Bunbury Bishop Allan Ewing Mr Harold Luxton</p> <p>Bishop Jeffrey Driver - Doctrine Commission</p> <p>Bishop Sarah Macneil - Grafton</p> <p>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</p> <p>Bishop Bill Ray - North Queensland</p>

Sydney

Bishop Robert Forsyth

Mr Geoff Kyngdon

Archbishop Glenn Davies

Bishop John Parkes AM - **Wangaratta**

Ms Ruth Robinson - **Willochra**

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