

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

R55/17	<p>Models of Ordained Local Ministry</p> <p>Bishop Stephen Pickard moving, Ms Sue Williams seconding</p> <p>The General Synod –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p style="text-align: right;">7 September 2017</p>
R56/17	<p>Clergy Professional Supervision</p> <p>Bishop Stephen Pickard moving, The Rev'd Dr Richard Trist seconding,</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p style="text-align: right;">7 September 2017</p>