

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



The Eighteenth Session of General Synod

Message from the General Secretary (Circular 02)

Eighteenth Session of General Synod - GS18 Members' Portal

7 February 2022

To all General Synod Members

Thank you to all who have completed your registration to attend GS18.

The General Synod Office has established a GS18 Portal for members

The GS18 Portal is now live and accessible through the General Synod website. Here you will find details of the General Synod program, downloadable business papers, election information and other resources to assist in your preparations for GS18 in May.

Accessing the GS18 Portal

To set up your login, click on the link below and enter your email address (the one that received this communication). This will verify your access and send you an email with a link allowing you to create your own password.

<https://anglican.org.au/wp-login.php?action=lostpassword>

If the email does not arrive, please check in your Spam or Junk folder and check that you are entering your correct email address.

Once you have a password, you can visit the GS18 Portal and login at this address:

<https://anglican.org.au/gs-portal-login/>

The GS18 Portal can be easily accessed from the General Synod website – www.anglican.org.au – Look for a blue box on the right-hand side of the home page.

GS18 Business papers

You will receive an email alert when business papers have been posted online and will be able to download documents.

Printed copies of business papers dealing with legislation and financial reports will also be distributed in hard copy for those who have requested them.

- **Bills**

The first papers available are the Bills to be promoted at the request of Standing Committee and Diocesan Synods which are to be circulated to all General Synod members 3 months prior to the first day of the General Synod. These Bills will be accessible in the Bills section of the portal from 8 February 2022. The Standing Committee may choose to approve additional Bills for circulation no later than one month prior to General Synod. These Bills will be published when finalised.

- **Reports to General Synod**

The Standing Committee, and a number of General Synod and Anglican bodies, are required to provide reports to General Synod. These reports will be published on the portal as they become available.

- **Financial Report**

The Standing Committee will finalise its financial report to General Synod at its next meeting in March 2022. The financial report will be published in early April 2022.

Motions and Questions

Any General Synod member may submit a notice of motion or a question in the form required. The notice forms can be downloaded from the GS18 Portal on the **Synod Process** page. To be included on the Order of Business for the first day, notices of motion and notices of questions will need to be received at GS18@anglican.org.au by 5.00pm Monday 18 April 2022.

The **Order of Business** for the first day will be published on the portal on Monday 25 April 2022, two weeks prior to the session commencing. Motions may be submitted during the course of the session and an updated Order of Business will be produced each day.

General Synod Elections

The **Election** page on the portal contains the notice of elections required at GS18 and downloadable nominations forms. The timetable for nominations and voting is provided on the portal.

A list of candidates for each election will be published when nominations have closed. Candidates are invited to submit a profile to share information on their skills, experience and role in the Church. The profiles will be published on the **General Synod Members** page.

General Synod website

The GS18 Portal is connected to the General Synod website. www.anglican.org.au

I encourage you to explore the website which promotes the work of the General Synod Committees, Commissions, Task Forces and other bodies. It is easy to navigate between the portal and the main website.

The page on **General Synod Sessions** includes a search function enabling you to search for any General Synod resolution since 1962 on based on a keyword. Reports on proceedings from past sessions are also available.

<https://www.anglican.org.au/the-general-synod>

Registration, travel and accommodation arrangements

You should have completed your registration to attend GS18 by now.

Please contact the GSO at GS18@anglican.org.au or by telephone on 02 8267 2700 if you have not received an email request with a link to the online registration site.

I look forward to keeping you informed as preparations for GS18 are finalised and meeting you on the Gold Coast in May 2022.

Anne Hywood

General Secretary

