

# THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



## **The Eighteenth Session of General Synod**

### **Message from the General Secretary (Circular 07)**

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**25 April 2022**

To all General Synod Members

#### **Business Paper for the First Day on GS18 Portal**

The Business Paper for the First Day of the Eighteenth Session of General Synod has been published on the GS18 Portal. See the [Order of Business](#) page on the [GS18 Portal](#). A hard copy of the Business Paper for the First Day will be provided to members at Registration.

The Business Paper for the First Day lists the motions that have been received in advance of the session. Additional motions can be submitted throughout the session.

An updated business paper is produced each day of the Synod and will be published on the GS18 portal and provided in hard copy each morning.

#### **Amendments to Motions and Bills**

When you have had the opportunity to review the Business Paper for the First Day and the full suite of Bills, you may seek to propose an amendment to a motion or a Bill.

Proposed amendments received prior to **9.00 am on Monday 2 May 2022** will be included in the amendment sheet for the first day of the session. Once the session commences, notices of amendment received by 7.30pm will be incorporated in the amendment sheet circulated on the next day of sitting.

Information on how to move an amendment to a motion or a Bill is provided on the [Synod Processes](#) page on the GS18 Portal.

## Standing Committee Financial Report

The Financial Report to General Synod has been published on the GS18 Portal. See the [Standing Committee Financial Report](#) page.

Available for review is:

- audited Annual Financial Reports, referencing the period from 2017 to 2021;
- the budget for 2022, approved by the General Synod Standing Committee;
- the proposed budget for 2023; and
- the forecasts for 2024 and 2025.

## Final Distribution of Business Papers

All reports and Bills are now accessible on the GS18 Portal.

Book 1 – Bills

Book 2 – Standing Committee Report to General Synod

Book 3 – Standing Committee Financial Report

Book 4 – Reports of General Synod Bodies & Other Bodies

The majority of GS18 members have advised that they will access the business papers online. However, copies of '*Book 1 – Bills*' and '*Book 3 – Standing Committee Financial Report*' will be included in the registration packs for those General Synod members who requested hard copies. These books will not be mailed to members in advance but will be available on arrival at the Synod venue.

Each diocese will receive a full complement of GS18 Books – 1 to 4.

## Synod Process forms

A new page [Forms](#) has been loaded onto the GS18 Portal providing links to the forms GS18 members will require during the Synod session.

This page provides easy access to the forms members will use to move and amend motions, ask questions or move amendments to Bills. It also contains all nomination forms for General Synod elections.

All forms relating to motions and Bills are to be forwarded by email to [gs18@anglican.org.au](mailto:gs18@anglican.org.au)

All election nomination forms are to be forwarded by email to [gs18elections@anglican.org.au](mailto:gs18elections@anglican.org.au)

## General Synod Member Profiles

A reminder that you are able to provide a member profile to be published on the GS18 Portal. You are encouraged to provide a one-page personal profile detailing church involvement and professional experience and any other information you choose to share (including photograph). Profiles are hyperlinked to your name in the members listing on the [General Synod Members](#) page.

Please create a one-page document in Word or pdf format and forward to [gs18@anglican.org.au](mailto:gs18@anglican.org.au).

### **Travel and Arrival Information**

Every GS18 member will be receiving final confirmation of travel and accommodation bookings this week.

Flights have been confirmed in accordance with the General Synod's group booking commitment and any special flight requests submitted to FCM Travel. Flight changes at this stage will incur costs which may need to be passed onto the traveller.

Importantly, please review your accommodation check in and check out dates to confirm they comply with your requested dates.

If you have any questions regarding your travel and accommodation bookings please contact the GS18 Registration Team at [gs18@fcmtravel.com.au](mailto:gs18@fcmtravel.com.au).

### **Final Instructions**

You will receive a further circular from this office in the week prior to General Synod containing further details on airport transfers, arrival arrangements for hotel check in and Synod registration.

Please contact the GSO at [GS18@anglican.org.au](mailto:GS18@anglican.org.au) or by telephone on 02 8267 2700 if you require any assistance in preparation for GS18.

I look forward to seeing you on the Gold Coast in a few weeks.

**Anne Hywood**

**General Secretary**

