

Eighteenth session of General Synod (2022)

Member profile

Dr Laurie Scandrett

ME (UNSW), PhD (Cantab), MAICD, JP

Brief Biography

Full name: Laurence Alan Scandrett
House: Lay
Diocese: Diocese of Sydney



Laurie committed his life to Christ at the age of 19, following a sermon and subsequent altar call by the Rev Canon Dudley Foord, who was later the Bishop of the Church of England in South Africa.

Laurie originally trained as a chemical engineer at the Universities of New South Wales and Cambridge and then worked in investment management. From 1999 to 2016 he served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Anglican Schools Corporation (previously known as the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation). During that time the Corporation grew from 9 to 20 schools across NSW and, more importantly, from 4,000 to over 14,000 students. As CEO he also oversaw the development and ongoing implementation of a new major strategic plan for the whole Corporation.

In 2017 Laurie served as the Interim Chief Executive Officer of Anglican Youthworks. During this time Youthworks developed a new vision and the outline of a new strategic plan, apart from undergoing significant culture change.

Since late 2019 Laurie has served as the Chief Operating Officer at Moore Theological College.

Laurie is a member of the Synod and Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney, the Synod and Standing Committee of the NSW Provincial Synod as well as being a member, since 1987, of the General Synod. He currently serves on the Boards of The Armidale School, Two Ways Ministries Limited, Gafcon Australia Limited and The Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. Since 2018 he has also been the Chair of ICCOREIS, the Inter-Church Commission on Religious Education in Schools (NSW) Inc. – the peak body of the Christian Special Religious Education Approved Providers in NSW.

Laurie has previously served as a Lay Canon of St Andrew's Cathedral, on the Glebe Administration Board, the Council of St Andrew's House Corporation (including seven years as Chair), the Anglican Education Commission, the Board of New College at UNSW, the school councils of Macarthur Anglican School and Kambala, and on the Diocese of Grafton Independent Oversight Committee. He was also a foundation Director of the companies set up to facilitate the work of both the Ministry Training Strategy (MTS) and Matthias Media.

He is married to Claire and they have four adult children and four grandchildren. Laurie and Claire attend St Matthias Anglican Church, Centennial Park, where Laurie leads a men's Bible study as well as being a Churchwarden and the Hon. Treasurer.

Laurie enjoys time with his grandchildren, cycling, golf and bringing order to chaos.