



# Anglican Church of Australia

General Synod

## EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD 8 - 13 MAY 2022

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### BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY MONDAY 9 MAY 2022

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The Eighteenth Session of the General Synod will commence with a celebration of Holy Communion at RACV Royal Pines Resort at 6.00 pm on Sunday 8 May 2022.

The business of the Synod will commence at 9.15 am on Monday 9 May 2022 in the Benowa Ballroom (Synod Hall), at the RACV Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast, Queensland, following Morning Prayer and Reflection on Scripture.

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS

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#### 1 SYNOD ASSEMBLES

Synod will assemble in the Benowa Ballroom (Synod Hall) at 8.45 am on 9 May 2022. [SO 1]

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#### 2 PRAYERS

Prayers will be led by the President's Chaplain. [SO 3]

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#### 3 ROLLS

The Rolls of Bishops, Clerical and Lay Representatives summoned to the Synod will be called. [SO 7(a)]

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#### 4 QUORUM

There will be a determination whether or not the requirements of Section 21 of the Constitution for determining a quorum have been satisfied. [SO 2]

#### **4A Arrangement of Synod Business to facilitate full member participation**

Ms Anne Hywood moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended to permit:

- a) that motion 17.12 relating to the Bill for the *Eighteenth General Synod Participation Canon 2022* be dealt with forthwith, and
- b) Ian Gibson to be the Chair of Committees, Katherine Bowyers to be the Clerical Secretary and Tim Reid to be the Lay secretary during the consideration of that Bill.

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#### **5 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President will deliver his address to the Synod. [SO 7(b)]

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#### **6 MOTIONS TO ELECT OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD**

Archdeacon Arthur Copeman moving, Ms Anne Hywood seconding

##### **6.1 A Clerical Secretary and a Lay Secretary of Synod** [SO 4 and SO 7(c)(1)]

- 6.1.1 That the Very Rev'd Katherine Bowyer be elected as Clerical Secretary of Synod.
- 6.1.2 That Mr Timothy Reid be elected as Lay Secretary of Synod.

##### **6.2 A Chair and Deputy Chairs of Committees** [SO 7(c)(2)]

- 6.2.1 That Dr Ian Gibson be elected as Chair of Committees.
- 6.2.2 That Ms Audrey Mills be elected as a Deputy Chair of Committees.
- 6.2.3 That Justice Michael Meek be elected as a Deputy Chair of Committees.

##### **6.3 A Committee of Elections and Qualifications** [SO 7(c)(3) and 11]

That the following members be appointed to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:

- (a) The Rt Rev'd Matt Brain
- (b) The Ven Dane Courtney
- (c) Justice Michael Meek
- (d) Justice Debra Mullins AO
- (e) Dr Carolyn Tan.

##### **6.4 Members of a Committee to Arrange the Order of Business** [SO 7(c)(4) and 11A(2)]

That the following additional persons be elected to the Committee to arrange the Order of Business:

- (a) The Rt Rev'd Dr Michael Stead
- (b) Archdeacon Arthur Copeman

## 7 GENERAL SECRETARY'S INTRODUCTION TO ARRANGEMENTS

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### 8 A MOTION FOR THE ARRANGEMENT OF SYNOD BUSINESS

Ms Anne Hywood moving, Mr Arthur Copeman seconding

- (a) That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the following motion relating to the orderly arrangement of the Synod's business being considered and if, approved, being implemented forthwith; and
- (b) That Synod order the following arrangements set out in paragraphs 8.1 to 8.12.

#### 8.1 Minutes Reading Committee

That a Minutes Reading Committee of five members be appointed to read and certify as a correct record the Minutes of this Session of Synod for confirmation by Synod and that the following be members of the Committee, any two of whom are to certify the minutes for a particular day:

- (a) Mr Clive Ellis (Convenor)
- (b) Dr Ruth Kerr OAM
- (c) The Ven Dane Courtney
- (d) Mrs Sue Williams
- (e) The Rev'd Canon Scott Lowrey

#### 8.2 Hours of Sitting, Synod Program and Call over of Motions [SO 1 and SO 10]

- 8.2.1 That the hours of sitting for this session of General Synod be those set out in the Synod Program in Book 2 of the General Synod papers titled *Standing Committee Report to the Eighteenth Session of General Synod*.
- 8.2.2 That so much of Standing Orders as may be necessary be suspended to permit the program as set out in Book 2 of the General Synod papers titled *Standing Committee Report to the Eighteenth Session of General Synod* to be implemented.
- 8.2.3 That so much of Standing Order 10(b) be suspended to allow the President in his discretion to call the motions on the business paper only at morning and evening sittings of this session

#### 8.3 Guests of General Synod

- 8.3.1 That the Rev'd John Gilmore, President of the National Council of Churches, be acknowledged as a guest attending the Synod's Opening Service of Holy Communion last night.
- 8.3.2 That the representatives of the member churches of the ecumenical body 'Queensland Churches Together' be welcomed as guests and be granted permission to speak if called upon by the President.

8.3.3 That the following persons, not being members of this General Synod, be granted permission to speak if called upon by the President:

- (a) The Rt Rev'd Grant Dibden, Bishop to the Defence Force
- (b) The Rev'd Dr John Deane, Executive Director, Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Ltd
- (c) The Rev'd Peter Laurence OAM, Chief Executive Officer of Anglican Schools Australia
- (d) The Hon David Bleby QC, Chancellor to the Primate
- (e) The Venerable David Bassett, Assistant to the Primate
- (f) Mr Michael Codling, Convenor, Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force
- (g) The Rt Rev'd Dr Tim Harris, member of the General Synod Ecumenical Commission and Anglican Co-Chair of the Australian Anglican – Lutheran dialogue group

8.3.4 That the following persons be welcomed as guests of this Synod:

- (a) The Rev'd Greg Harris, National Director, Bush Church Aid
- (b) The Rev'd Anne Kennedy, President, Anglican Mothers Union Australia

#### **8.4 Media Arrangements**

That in order to provide appropriate controls and to prevent interference with the Business of the Synod the following media arrangements will pertain:

8.4.1 Television filming on the floor of Synod may only take place at specific times declared by the President and from a designated area.

8.4.2 At other times during the Synod accredited media representatives shall be permitted in the Synod Hall only in a designated area.

#### **8.5 Report on Financial Matters**

That leave be granted for Mr Keith Stephens, General Synod Treasurer as mover of motions 16.3.1 to 16.3.5, and Ms Bernadette Bateman, General Synod Finance and Operations Manager, to make a presentation on the Standing Committee's Financial Report to General Synod.

#### **8.6 Report of the Family Violence Working Group**

That leave be granted for the Rev'd Tracy Lauersen, as mover of motion 16.4 to make a presentation on the recommendations contained in the report of the Family Violence Working Group for 20 minutes, incorporating a video presentation on the Anglican Family Violence Research Project.

**8.7 Ordering of Business on the Advice of the Provisional Business Committee [SO 7(dd)]**

**Anglican Lutheran Dialogue Group – *Perspectives on Mission***

8.7.1 That consideration of motion 16.9 be an Order of the Day at 12noon on Monday 9 May 2022 and that the Right Reverend Tim Harris, Co-Chair of the Anglican-Lutheran Dialogue, be authorised to use mover's time in debate and reply.

**Safe Ministry to Children (Bills 01 to 04 and R01) and motions promoted by the Safe Ministry Commission**

8.7.2 That consideration of motions for Bills 17.1 to 17.4 and 18.1, and motions at the request of the Standing committee 16.13 to 16.19, be an Order of the Day from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm on Monday 9 May 2022.

**Anglican Family Violence Research Project and other motions promoted by the Family Violence Working Group**

8.7.3 That consideration of motions 16.4 to 16.8 be an Order of the Day at 11.00 am on Tuesday 10 May 2022.

**Finance Motions**

8.7.4 That consideration of motions 16.3.1 to 16.3.3 and the consideration in principle of motions 16.3.4 and 16.3.5 be an Order of the Day for 1.30 pm on Tuesday 10 May 2022.

8.7.5 That final consideration of motions 16.3.4 and 16.3.5 be an Order of the Day for 1.30 pm on Thursday 12 May 2022.

**Marriage, Human Sexuality and Same-sex Relationships Motions**

8.7.6 That consideration of motions 20.3 to 20.7 and other motions relating to marriage, human sexuality, and same-sex relationships, as determined by the Committee to arrange the Order of Business, be an Order of the Day for 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm on Tuesday 10 May 2022 and, if not concluded, the business in this category should continue at an Order of the Day at 11.00 am to 12.30pm on Wednesday 11 May 2022

**8.8 Authentication of Canons**

That pursuant to Sections 24 and 25(1) of the Constitution, the Canons passed at this Session of the General Synod shall be authenticated by use of the official seal of the General Synod

**8.9 Reading and Confirmation of Minutes**

8.9.1 That the minutes of the first, second and third days of meeting of this Session of the Synod be read and confirmed on the resumption of business after the afternoon tea adjournment on the day following the relevant day of meeting

- 8.9.2 That the minutes of the second-last day of meeting of this Session of the Synod be read and confirmed on the resumption of business after the morning tea adjournment on the final day of meeting
- 8.9.3 That the minutes of the final day of meeting be read and confirmed at the first full meeting of the Standing Committee following this Session of the General Synod.

**8.10 Bill R02 - Amendment of Rule I – Standing Orders (Speaking to Motions) 2022**

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended to permit that motion 18.2 relating to the amendment of Rule I be dealt with forthwith.

**8.11 Bill R04 - Amendment of Rule III (Nomination and Ballot) 2022**

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended to permit motion 18.3 relating to the amendment of Rule III be dealt with forthwith.

**8.12 Nominations and Elections under Rule III**

- 8.12.1 That nominations for the Special Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal and Standing Committee will close at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 May 2022.
- 8.12.2 That nominations for all other elections under Rule III will close at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 10 May 2022.
- 8.12.3 That voting will be conducted using online technology with access to smart devices for this purpose being provided to those who require them. Access to voting will be available at the following times:
- Wednesday 11 May 2022 from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm (all elections other than the Special Tribunal and Appellate Tribunal )
  - Thursday 12 May 2022 from 8.00 am to 1.30 pm (Special Tribunal and Appellate Tribunal).

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**9 DOCUMENTS TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE BY THE PRESIDENT**

**9.1 A list of Special Bills which the President has declared to be Canons under Section 28(3)(iii) of the Constitution since the last session of General Synod [SO 7(d)(1)]**

There is no Special Bill in this category.

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**9.2 A list of Special Bills which have not been assented to by every diocesan synod together with the reports and recommendations received from such synods [SO 7(d)(2)]**

There is no Special Bill in this category.

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**9.3 A list of Bills which have come into force under Section 28A of the Constitution since the last session of General Synod [SO 7(d)(2A)]**

There is no Bill in this category.

**9.4 A list of Canons the President has declared to be in force following upon a reference of any question to the Appellate Tribunal under Section 29 of the Constitution [SO 7(d)(3)]**

There is no Canon in this category.

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**9.5 A list of Canons in which the Appellate Tribunal has found inconsistency or breach of Section 28 [SO 7(d)(4)]**

There is no Canon in this category.

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**9.6 A list of Canons duly passed by the Synod together with the date appointed by the President upon which the said Canons came into force under Section 30 of the Constitution [SO 7(d)(5)]**

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| No 1, 2017  | Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Qualification) Canon 2017<br>4 September 2017                           |
| No 3, 2017  | Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Reserve List) Canon 2017<br>1 December 2019                             |
| No 4, 2017  | Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017<br>5 September 2017  |
| No 5, 2017  | Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017<br>5 September 2017                                 |
| No 7, 2017  | Offences Amendment Canon 2017<br>5 September 2017   |
| No 8, 2017  | Redress for Survivors of Abuse Canon 2017<br>6 September 2017   |
| No 9, 2017  | Disclosure of Information Canon 2017<br>6 September 2017  |
| No 10, 2017 | National Register Amendment Canon 2017<br>6 September 2017  |
| No 11, 2017 | Special Tribunal Amendment Canon 2017<br>6 September 2017   |
| No 12, 2017 | Special Tribunal (Limitation Period) Canon 2017<br>8 September 2017                                   |
| No 13, 2017 | Long Service Leave (Revision of Entitlement) Canon 2017<br>2 October 2017                             |
| No 14, 2017 | Long Service Leave (Notification of Participating Organisation)<br>Canon 2017<br>6 September 2017     |
| No 15, 2017 | Canon to Ratify the Amended New South Wales Provincial<br>Synod Constitution 2017<br>6 September 2017 |

- No 16, 2017 Canon Concerning Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017  
7 September 2017
  - No 17, 2017 Canon Concerning Confessions (Vulnerable Persons) Canon  
2017  
7 September 2017
  - No 18, 2017 Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017  
7 September 2017
  - No 19, 2017 Canon Concerning Services Amendment Canon 2017  
7 September 2017
  - No 20, 2017 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council  
Amendment Canon 2017  
7 September 2017
  - No 21, 2017 Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks  
Amendment Canon 2017  
7 September 2017
  - No 22, 2017 Missionary Dioceses (Amendment) Canon 2017  
7 September 2017
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**9.7 A list of Canons amending the Constitution passed under Section 67 of the Constitution which have come into effect since the last Session of General Synod**

- No 4, 2014 Constitution Amendment (Membership of the Diocesan  
Tribunal) Canon 2014  
1 July 2019
  - No 5, 2014 Constitution Amendment (Membership of the Provincial  
Tribunal) Canon 2014  
1 July 2019
  - No 2, 2017 Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017  
1 December 2019
  - No 6, 2017 Constitution (Jurisdiction of Special Tribunal) Amendment  
Canon 2017  
1 November 2019
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**9.8 Notifications and advice from dioceses under Section 30(c) of the Constitution [SO 7(d)(6)]**

No notifications under Section 30(c) have been received since the conclusion of the Seventeenth Session of the Synod.

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**9.9 Amendment sheet prepared by the Secretaries of Synod under Standing Order 42A(a) [SO 7(d)(7)]**

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**10 PETITIONS [SO 7(e)]**

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**11 NOTICES OF QUESTIONS [SO 7(f)]**

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**12 NOTICES OF MOTIONS [SO 7(g)]**

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**13 ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND OTHER OFFICERS OF**  
**1. THE HOUSE OF CLERGY AND**  
**2. THE HOUSE OF LAITY**  
[SO 7(h)]

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**14 CALL OVER OF THE MOTIONS**

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**15 REPORTS, ACCOUNTS AND MOTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH [SO7(i)]**

The Archdeacon Arthur Copeman moving, Ms Anne Hywood seconding

That the following reports and documents be laid on the Table and be received without preventing further discussion of specific matters arising from them:

**15.1 Standing Committee of General Synod Reports**

(Book 2 of the Synod papers)

- Membership of the Standing Committee of General Synod and its Committees
- Implementation of Substantive Resolutions of the Seventeenth Session of General Synod 2017
- Summary of Business of the Standing Committee from December 2017 to March 2022
- Financial Protection Canon 1995
- National Register Canon 2007
- Trust Corporation of the Anglican Church of Australia
- Appellate Tribunal
- Special Tribunal
- General Synod Legislation
- Changes in the Episcopate since the Seventeenth General Synod
- A list of the Members of the Eighteenth Session of General Synod
- Program for the Eighteenth Session of General Synod

(Book 3 of the Synod papers)

- General Synod Financial Performance 2017–2021
  - General Synod Budget for 2022
  - General Synod Budget 2023 and Forecasts 2024–2025
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## **15.2 Bills for Canons circulated in accordance with Section 27(1)(i) of the Constitution**

(Book 1 of the Synod papers)

- Bill 01** - A Bill for the Safe Ministry Legislation Amendments Canon 2022
- Bill 02** - A Bill for the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) (Amendment) Canon 2022
- Bill 03** - A Bill for the Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Suspension) Canon 2022
- Bill 04** - A Bill for the Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Deposition) Canon 2022
- Bill 05** - A Bill for the Constitution (Repeal of Canon No 9 of 2010) Canon 2022
- Bill 06** - A Bill for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council Amendment Canon 2022
- Bill 07** - A Bill for a Defence Force Ministry (Amendment) Canon 2022
- Bill 08** - A Bill for the Special Tribunal (Removal from Office) Canon 2022
- Bill 09** - A Bill for the Episcopal Standards Investigations Amendment Canon 2022
- Bill 10** - A Bill for the Long Service Leave (Sabbatical Allowance Amendment) Canon 2022
- Bill 11** - A Bill for the Canon Concerning Services (Amendment) Canon 2022
- Bill 12** - A Bill for the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Amendment Canon 2022
- Bill 13** - A Bill for the Eighteenth General Synod Participation Canon 2022
- Bill 14** - A Bill for the General Synod Presence Canon 2022

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## **15.3 Bills for Rules**

(Book 1 of the Synod papers)

- Bill R1** A Rule to Amend Rule II – Standing Committee (Conflict of Interest) 2022
- Bill R2** A Rule to Amend Rule I – Standing Orders (Speaking to Motions) 2022
- Bill R3** A Rule to Amend Rule II – Standing Committee (Membership) 2022

#### **15.4 Commissions**

(Book 4 of the Synod papers)

- Church Law Commission
  - Doctrine Commission
  - Ecumenical Relations Commission,
  - Liturgy Commission
  - Mission and Ministry Commission
  - Public Affairs Commission
  - Safe Ministry Commission
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#### **15.5 Task Forces and Working Groups**

(Book 4 of the Synod papers)

- Family Violence Working Group
  - Refugee and Migrant Working Group
  - Viability and Structures Working Group
  - Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force
  - General Synod Assessments Task Force
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#### **15.6 General Synod Bodies**

(Book 4 of the Synod papers)

- Anglican Board of Mission – Australia
  - Anglican Representative (National Redress Scheme) Limited
  - Australian College of Theology
  - Broughton Publishing
  - Defence Force Board
  - Long Service Leave Board
  - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council
  - The National Home Mission Fund
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#### **15.7 Networks**

(Book 4 of the Synod papers)

- Advisory Council for Religious Life in Australia
- Anglican Schools Australia
- Anglican Theological Educators
- Anglicare Australia
- Australian Anglican Diaconal Association
- Australian Cathedral Deans Network
- Children's and Youth Ministry Network

- Defence Force Anglican Chaplaincy Inc
  - National Network of Directors of Professional Standards
  - Rural Ministry Network
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### **15.8 Other Groups**

(Book 4 of the Synod papers)

- Anglican Cursillo Movement of Australia
  - Anglican Mothers Union Australia
  - The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia
  - Mission to Seafarers
  - SPCKA - SparkLit
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### **15.9 Anglican Communion**

(Book 4 of the Synod papers)

- Anglican Consultative Council - Meeting of ACC17
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### **15.10 Reports required of the Protection to the Environment Canon 2007**

(Book 4 of the Synod papers)

Reports from the dioceses of:

- Adelaide
  - Ballarat
  - Bathurst
  - Brisbane
  - Bunbury
  - Canberra and Goulburn
  - Gippsland
  - Grafton
  - Melbourne
  - Newcastle
  - Northern Territory
  - Perth
  - Tasmania
  - Wangaratta.
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## **16 MOTIONS BY REQUEST OF STANDING COMMITTEE [SO 7(j)(i)]**

**Note:** *By resolution 2010/1/09, the Standing Committee adopted the following guidelines for deciding which motions should be brought before General Synod by the request of the Standing Committee:*

*A bill or a resolution which –*

- Is recommended by the Standing Committee to be passed by General Synod;*
- Is recommended by a Commission, by a Task Force appointed by the Standing Committee or by a body constituted under a Canon of General Synod;*

- (c) *In the opinion of the Standing Committee is a matter of substantial importance to the Anglican Church of Australia or its relationships with other Churches;*
- (d) *In the opinion of the Standing Committee is necessary to be considered at the next session for the order and good government of the Anglican Church of Australia and to administer the affairs thereof;*
- and that matters be listed on the Business Paper under the relevant criteria above and identifying the signatory(ies) of the proposals.*

*The criterion or criteria by which the Standing Committee determined that a motion should be brought before General Synod by request of the Standing Committee are set out after the heading for that motion.*

*The signatory or signatories of the relevant proposal are set out at the head of the motion as mover and seconder.*

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**16.1 Bills to be declared by the Synod to be Group Discussion Bills**  
[SO 37B(a) and 63(5A)].

There is no bill in this category.

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**16.2 Motions to be declared by the Synod to be handled by Group Discussion**  
[SO 37B]

There is no motion in this category.

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**16.3 Motions relating to Financial Matters (Book Ref 3)**  
Criterion (a)

Mr Keith Stephens moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding

16.3.1 That the Treasurer's report on the financial position of the General Synod at 31 December 2021 be received.

16.3.2 That the audited financial statements of the General Synod for the year ended 31 December 2021, as adopted by Standing Committee, be received.

16.3.3 That the General Synod budget for the year ended 31 December 2022, as approved by Standing Committee, be received.

16.3.4 That the General Synod budget for the year ended 31 December 2023 be approved.

16.3.5 That Synod receives the General Synod forecast budget for years ended 31 December 2024 and 2025.

[See motions 8.5 (Suspension of Standing Orders) and 8.7.3 to 8.7.4 (Orders of the Day)]

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**16.4 National Anglican Family Violence Project** (*Book Ref 4-105*)

Criterion (b)

The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, Bishop Genieve Blackwell seconding

The General Synod receives the reports of the National Anglican Family Violence Project commissioned by the Anglican Church of Australia Standing Committee:

- I. National Anglican Family Violence Research Report: for the Anglican Church of Australia
  - II. NAFVP Prevalence Study Report,
  - III. NAFVP Clergy and Lay Leaders Study Report, and
  - IV. NAFVP Experience Study Report, and
- a) notes the 28 findings of the Research Project
  - b) laments the violence which has been suffered by some of our members and repents of the part we have played in allowing an environment where violence went unaddressed
  - c) requests dioceses to respond to the findings of the National Family Violence Project and to introduce and develop primary prevention strategies and pastoral responses relating to family violence.

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**16.5 Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia** (*Book Ref 4-105*)

Criterion (b)

Bishop Genieve Blackwell moving, Dr Karin Sowada seconding

The General Synod

- a) notes the development of the Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia as a best practice guide for the Anglican Church of Australia to prevent and respond to violence.
  - b) notes the endorsement of the Ten Commitments for prevention and response to domestic and family violence in the Anglican Church of Australia by the Standing Committee
  - c) thanks those dioceses who have adopted the Ten Commitment's in their recent diocesan Synods
  - d) encourages remaining dioceses to adopt the Ten Commitment's at their coming synods.
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## **16.6 Families and Culture Commission (Book Ref 4-105)**

Criterion (b)

Dr Karin Sowada moving, Bishop Genieve Blackwell seconding

The General Synod, noting the results of the National Anglican Family Violence Research Project, the scope of prevention work outlined in the Ten Commitments made by the Church and the long-term nature of culture change

- a) ratifies the new Families and Culture Commission established by the General Synod Standing Committee
- b) confirms the functions of the Families and Culture Commission to be
  - I. to examine questions that relate to family violence affecting members of the Church, the drivers of violence and the well-being of families and women referred to it by the Primate, the Standing Committee or the General Synod, and to report thereon to the referring party and to the Standing Committee, and
  - II. to make recommendations to the Standing Committee on matters relating to family violence affecting members of the Church, violence prevention and the well-being of families and women.
- c) confirms that any resolutions at this Synod which referred tasks to the Family Violence Working Group will now be referred to the Families and Culture Commission.

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## **16.7 Resourcing the Families and Culture Commission (Book Ref 4-106)**

Criterion (b)

The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, Dr Karin Sowada seconding

The General Synod, noting the results of the National Anglican Family Violence Research Project, the scope of prevention work outlined in the Ten Commitments made by the Church and the long-term nature of culture change, supports the allocation of General Synod resources to meet the objectives of the Family and Culture Commission, and

- a. requests the Treasurer to recast the General Synod budget to allocate \$52,000 to the Family and Culture Commission in the 2022 General Synod Statutory Assessment budget and \$186,000 in the 2023 budget and 2024-25 forecasts; and
- b. requests Standing Committee to apply this funding to staffing and resourcing the Anglican Church of Australia's prevention and response to family violence affecting its members.

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## **16.8 Family Violence and First Nations Communities (Book Ref 4-106)**

Criterion (b)

Bishop Genieve Blackwell moving, the Rev'd Tracy Lauersen seconding

The General Synod, noting the new Federal Government draft national plan to end violence against women and children that prioritises two five-year Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander action plans, requests the Families and Culture Commission to continue to monitor this development, to work with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC), the Church's First Nations leaders and relevant diocesan teams to assist them to develop family violence prevention resources appropriate for their context and to report back to the next General Synod.

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**16.9 Anglican Lutheran Dialogue - Perspectives on Mission (Book Ref 4-023)**  
Criterion (b)

Archbishop Phillip Aspinall AC moving, Bishop John Stead seconding

The General Synod

- (i) commends the Anglican-Lutheran Dialogue Group for *Perspectives on Mission*;
- (ii) notes the Doctrine Commission's advice that *Perspectives on Mission* conforms to the doctrine of this Church and that it is suitable for the purpose for which it is intended, that is as a third appendix to *Common Ground*; and adopts it for that purpose;
- (iii) encourages members of the Anglican Church of Australia to study *Common Ground* and *Perspectives on Mission* and to foster closer cooperation and relations with the Lutheran Church of Australia.

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**16.10 Jobseeker (Book Ref 4-057)**  
Criterion (b)

The Rev'd Prof Peter Sandeman moving, Dr Carolyn Tan seconding

The General Synod –

1. Notes that:
  - a) More than a million people across Australia live on government payments that do not cover the cost of housing, food, transport and healthcare.
  - b) The next generation is paying the price of poverty. Over one million children live in households reliant on JobSeeker. Living on JobSeeker is the biggest risk to growing up in poverty.
  - c) The Government has previously briefly raised the rate of JobSeeker above the poverty line, lifting hundreds of thousands of people out of poverty. It has the power to do this again.
2. Calls for:
  - a) An immediate raise to the rate of JobSeeker above the poverty line.
  - b) An independent Social Security Commission with the power to set government payments, to make sure payments never again fall below the poverty line.

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**16.11 Climate Change – Call on Australian Governments (Book Ref 4-060)**  
Criterion (b)

The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moving, Bishop Murray Harvey seconding

Noting:

- A. Australia's endorsement of the 2015 UN Paris Climate Change Agreement (COP21) and in particular the global framework to avoid dangerous climate change caused by emissions of greenhouse gases by limiting global warming to well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to limit it to 1.5°C.



- B. Australia's pledge to the 2021 UN Glasgow Conference (COP26) to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, and the endorsement of this pledge by both the Coalition government at the time of the Conference and the Australian Labour Party then in Opposition.
- C. That all Australian sub-national governments have also endorsed the goal of net zero emissions by 2050 or earlier.
- D. That all levels of Australian government apart from WA and NT have committed to interim reductions by 2030.
- E. That urgent action to keep the 1.5C goal alive was called for at COP26 with 190 countries pledging to rapidly phase down their use of coal – a pledge that was not adopted by Australia.
- F. That while Australian greenhouse gas emissions in the electricity generation sector are declining, in all other sectors including transport, agriculture and resource extraction emissions continue to increase consistent with a 3C warming scenario if other countries followed similar policies and emissions trajectories.

#### This Synod

1. understands the theological value of the natural world as a divine blessing intended by God to flourish and to be shared in harmony by human communities, and recognises that this blessing has been spoiled and abused by human greed and carelessness;
2. laments the suffering already being endured across the world by communities facing drought, water insufficiency, loss of arable lands, destructive fire events, cyclones, floods and rising sea levels, and the increasing threat to life caused by rising global temperatures, air pollution and loss of biodiversity which will be borne disproportionately by the poorest of the world's poor;
3. is appalled at the lack of action by governments and powerful corporations who pay lip-service to the need for climate action but do not take the urgent and far-reaching actions consistent with avoiding climate catastrophe and immense suffering;
4. is ashamed of the low ambition for climate action shown by government, major institutions and businesses in Australia, and resolves to hold major stakeholders to account;
5. calls upon the Federal government to explain how its stated support for the 1.5C warming goal can be consistent with its refusal to adopt the COP26 pledge to phase down the use of coal;
6. calls on all levels of Australian government to significantly lift interim 2030 emissions targets in recognition that action must be taken this decade to avoid breaching the 1.5C warming target;
7. calls upon the Federal and each of the sub-national governments to advise what policies it has implemented or plans to implement in order to achieve both the net zero by 2050 goal and the keeping of global warming below 1.5C;
8. demands that Australian governments enact legislation to ensure businesses profiting from our shared environment are made accountable and financially responsible for the true cost of environmental degradation including climate change mitigation and adaptation;

9. encourages all levels of Australian government to think beyond the next budget cycle, to commit the level of resources consistent with the scale of the problem, to equip and encourage Australian institutions, media organisations, businesses and places of learning in order that we can work together to develop imaginative and creative responses to climate catastrophe.
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## **16.12 Climate Change – Call to the Church (Book Ref 4-058)**

Criterion (b)

The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moving, The Ven Tiffany Sparks seconding

That this Synod,

A. Noting:

1. Resolution A17:05 of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) 2017, in which the ACC recognised that there is a Climate Emergency and called on member churches to respond in ways that are 'a living testament to our faith';
2. Resolution A17:06 of the ACC 2017, in which the ACC called upon member churches to work towards building climate resilience;
3. That the 2020 meeting of the General Synod of The Church of England (C of E) called on 'all parts of the C of E ..., to work to achieve year-on-year reductions in emissions and urgently examine what would be required to reach net zero emissions by 2030 in order that a plan of action can be drawn up to achieve that target'.
4. With concern, the lack of progress in the Anglican Church of Australia in reporting on the Protection of the Environment Canon 2007 and reporting on the calculation of emissions as requested in R62/17.

B. Recognises that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation, and a fundamental injustice.

C. Affirms the actions involving worship, mission, advocacy, and community participation commended to the Church in ACC 2017 Resolutions A17.05 and A17.06.

D. Encourages the Diocese and Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia to work towards net zero carbon emissions by 2040.

E. Urges the Diocese and Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia to:

1. Strengthen their efforts to report on the Protection of the Environment Canon 2007;
  2. Submit their best estimates of carbon emissions on an annual basis to The Standing Committee to enable us as a Province to track our progress toward net zero carbon emissions; and
  3. Embrace the actions commended to the Church through ACC 2017 Resolutions A17.05 and A17.06.
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**16.13 Safe Ministry - Child Safety Regulatory Environment** (Book Ref 4-078)  
Criterion (b)

Ms Audrey Mills moving, Ms Dianne Shay seconding

The General Synod, in the light of developing child safety regulatory requirements of States and Territories, requests the Standing Committee to establish a group to:

- a. review the compliance, audit and reporting obligations of dioceses under the *Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017* in light of the child safety regulatory requirements imposed on those dioceses by the laws of State and Territories applicable to them;
- b. provide recommendations as to whether, and if so how, the requirements of the *Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017* might be changed for dioceses now subject to a regime imposed by a State or Territory with requirements covering the same subject matter;
- c. provide recommendations as to whether, and if so how, to exempt from compliance with the obligations in the *Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017* to dioceses subject to equivalent statutory requirements imposed by a State or Territory;
- d. report to the Standing Committee at least twelve months prior to the Nineteenth Session of General Synod;
- e. present for the approval of the Standing Committee instructions for any legislation to be drafted by the Church Law Commission for consideration at the Nineteenth Session of General Synod.

The group will consist of the follow persons appointed by the Standing Committee in consultation with the Safe Ministry Commission:

- i. a chair;
- ii. two representing dioceses in jurisdictions where there are statutory regulatory frameworks relating to child safe standards;
- iii. one from another Christian denomination with experience in undertaking child safety audit processes;
- iv. one from the wider community with experience in child safety audit processes and who is not currently providing services as an employee or contractor to the Anglican Church of Australia or its dioceses;
- v. four members of the Safe Ministry Commission.

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**16.14 Safe Ministry Priorities** (Book Ref 4-078)  
Criterion (b)

Ms Audrey Mills moving, Ms Dianne Shay seconding

The General Synod requests the Safe Ministry Commission:

- a) to measure and review the Church's progress towards being a child safe institution in light of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, and report to the Standing Committee;

- b) to continue to report to the Standing Committee on the Church's progress towards responding to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and make recommendations to the Standing Committee as to any further actions to be taken;
  - c) in consultation with diocesan safe ministry authorities to develop a clear, accessible and child-focused complaint handling policy which addresses the guidelines provided in the National Office for Child Safety Complaint Handling Guide, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee;
  - d) to report to the 19<sup>th</sup> General Synod as to the progress of the Church in the development and implementation of safe ministry policies and structures;
  - e) to review *Faithfulness in Service*:
    - i. in consultation with the Family & Domestic Violence Working Group to examine whether amendments should be made to respond to family and domestic violence; and
    - ii. to examine whether amendments should be made to safeguard adults at risk
    - iii. in the light of the statutory regulatory frameworks relating to child safe standards
 and report to the Standing Committee with any proposed amendments.
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**16.15 Persons of Concern Video (Book Ref 4-079)**

Criterion (b)

Bishop Greg Anderson moving, Bishop Ian Coutts seconding

The General Synod:

- a) notes the endorsement of the Persons of Concern video by the Standing Committee; and
  - b) requests the Safe Ministry Commission to consult with dioceses to seek feedback regarding the usage and usefulness of the resource.
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**16.16 Ministry Wellbeing and Development: Policy Guidelines and Resources.**

(Book Ref 4-079)

Criterion (b)

The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, Bishop Ian Coutts seconding

The General Synod notes:

- a) Royal Commission recommendations 16.4, 16.44 and 16.45 for national mandatory standards for professional development, professional/pastoral supervision and performance appraisals; and
- b) the endorsement of the *Ministry Wellbeing and Development: Policy, Guidelines and Resources* document by the Standing Committee

and encourages dioceses to fully implement the policy and guidelines to enhance the wellbeing and professional development of clergy and some paid church workers.

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**16.17 Safe Ministry Resource – Providing pastoral support to people affected by sexual abuse** (*Book Ref 4-079*)

Criterion (b)

The Rev'd Prof Peter Sandeman moving, Bishop Greg Anderson seconding

The General Synod:

- a) notes the endorsement of the *Providing pastoral support to people affected by sexual abuse: Guidance for clergy and church workers in the Anglican Church of Australia* resource by the Standing Committee; and
- b) encourages dioceses to make this resource available to clergy and church workers providing pastoral care to enhance the pastoral care of those who have been affected by sexual abuse.

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**16.18 National Council of Churches – Safer Churches Conference** (*Book Ref 4-080*)

Criterion (b)

Bishop Ian Coutts moving, Ms Dianne Shay seconding

The General Synod commends the National Council of Churches in Australia for organising the *Safer Churches Conference* on transforming the culture of safeguarding within Australian churches, and supports ongoing joint action by member churches and other participating Australian churches to promote the welfare and safety of all people within their communities. The General Synod requests the General Secretary to convey this resolution to the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

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**16.19 Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission – Guidelines**

Criterion (a)

Mr Garth Blake AM SC moving, Ms Audrey Mills seconding

This General Synod welcomes the *Guidelines to enhance the safety of all persons – especially children, young people and vulnerable adults – within the provinces of the Anglican Communion* approved by the Anglican Consultative Council in May 2019, and asks the Safe Ministry Commission to review the guidelines and report to the Standing Committee on any steps necessary to implement them.

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**16.20 Defence Chaplaincy (Book Ref 4-295)**

Criterion (b)

Mr Allan Gallimore moving, The Rev'd Catherine Wynn Jones seconding

The General Synod

- thanks God for the wonderful ministry of Anglican Defence Chaplains undertaken in the increasingly difficult climate of growing secularism and pluralism
- thanks God for the privileged position and blessed opportunity to still have Christian chaplains living among and ministering to our Defence Force personnel
- notes the significant reduction in support for the Bishop provided by Australian Government Department of Defence and encourages each diocese to financially support Defence Chaplaincy by collecting a congregational donation each year on Defence Sunday (the Sunday before Remembrance Day)
- affirms the importance of Anglican Defence Chaplaincy as a critical element of the Church's ministry, notes the benefits to the Church of partnering with Defence Chaplaincy in gospel ministry, notes the strategic importance of having high calibre younger women and men serve as chaplains, and therefore encourages each diocese to work with the Bishop to the Defence Force in recruiting them.

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**16.21 Mission to Seafarers (Book Ref 4-554)**

Criterion (b)

Bishop John Stead moving, Bishop Gary Nelson seconding

That 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 and State Governments to take seriously its responsibility under the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 and fully fund shore-based Seafarer welfare centers
- d) respectfully requests the Primate to convey the above terms of this resolution to the Prime Minister and Federal Transport Minister and Shadow counterparts.

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**17 MOTIONS FOR BILLS FOR CANONS BY REQUEST OF STANDING COMMITTEE [SO 7(j)(i)]**

**17.1 Bill 01 – A Bill for the Safe Ministry Legislation Amendments Canon 2022 (Book Ref 1-02)**

Mr Garth Blake AM SC moving, Ms Audrey Mills seconding

That a Bill for the Safe Ministry Legislation Amendments Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**17.2 Bill 02 – A Bill for the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) (Amendment) Canon 2022** *(Book Ref 1-33)*

Mr Garth Blake AM SC moving, Ms Audrey Mills seconding

That a Bill for the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) (Amendment) Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**17.3 Bill 03 – A Bill for the Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Suspension) Canon 2022** *(Book ref 1-37)*

Mr Garth Blake AM SC moving, Ms Audrey Mills seconding

That a Bill for the Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Suspension) Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**17.4 Bill 04 - A Bill for the Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Deposition) Canon 2022** *(Book Ref 1-41)*

Mr Garth Blake AM SC moving, Ms Audrey Mills seconding

That a Bill for the Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Deposition) Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**17.5 Bill 05 - A Bill for the Constitution (Repeal of Canon No 9 of 2010) Canon 2022** *(Book Ref 1-45)*

Justice Debra Mullins AO moving, Justice Michael Meek seconding

That a Bill for the Constitution (Repeal of Canon No 9 of 2010) Canon 2022 be approved in principle

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**17.6 Bill 06 - A Bill for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council Amendment Canon 2022** *(Book Ref 1-47)*

Bishop Chris McLeod moving, Justice Debra Mullins AO seconding

That a Bill for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council Amendment Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**17.7 Bill 07 – A Bill for a Defence Force Ministry (Amendment) Canon 2022** *(Book Ref 1-49)*

Archbishop Philip Freier moving, Mr Alan Gallimore seconding

That a Bill for a Defence Force Ministry (Amendment) Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**17.8 Bill 08 – A Bill for the Special Tribunal (Removal from Office) Canon 2022** *(Book Ref 1-52)*

Dr Robert Tong AM moving, Justice Debra Mullins AO seconding

That a Bill for the Special Tribunal (Removal from Office) Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**17.9 Bill 09 – A Bill for the Episcopal Standards Investigations Amendment Canon 2022** *(Book Ref 1-54)*

Justice Debra Mullins AO moving, Dr Carolyn Tan seconding

That a Bill for the Episcopal Standards Investigations Amendment Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**17.10 Bill 10 – A Bill for the Long Service Leave (Sabbatical Allowance Amendment) Canon 2022** *(Book Ref 1-56)*

The Rev'd Andrew Ford moving, Mr Allan Thomson seconding

That a Bill for the Long Service Leave (Sabbatical Allowance Amendment) Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**17.11 Bill 12 – A Bill for the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Amendment Canon 2022** *(Book Ref 1-59)*

Justice Debra Mullins AO moving, The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen seconding

That a Bill for the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Amendment Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**17.12 Bill 13 – A Bill for the Eighteenth General Synod Participation Canon 2022** *(Book Ref 1-61)*

Justice Debra Mullins AO moving, Ms Anne Hywood seconding

That a Bill for the Eighteenth General Synod Participation Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**17.13 Bill 14 – A Bill for the General Synod Presence Canon 2022** *(Book Ref 1-65)*

Archdeacon Arthur Copeman moving, Mr Steve Lucas seconding

That a Bill for the General Synod Presence Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**18 MOTIONS FOR RULES BY REQUEST OF STANDING COMMITTEE [SO 7(j)(i)]**

**18.1 Bill R01 – A Bill for a Rule to Amend Rule II – Standing Committee (Conflict of Interest) 2022** (*Book Ref 1-69*)

Mr Garth Blake AM SC moving, Ms Audrey Mills seconding

That a Bill for a Rule to Amend Rule II – Standing Committee (Conflict of Interest) 2022 be approved in principle.

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**18.2 Bill R02 – A Bill for a Rule to Amend Rule I – Standing Orders (Speaking to Motions) 2022** (*Book Ref 1-73*)

Justice Michael Meek moving, Mr Alex Milner seconding

That a Bill for a Rule to Amend Rule I – Standing Orders (Speaking to Motions) 2022 be approved in principle.

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**18.3 Bill R04 – A Bill for a Rule to Amend Rule III (Nominations and Balloting) 2022** (*Book Ref 1-76*)

Justice Debra Mullins moving, Dr Carolyn Tan seconding

That a Bill for a Rule to Amend Rule III (Nominations and Balloting) 2022 be approved in principle.

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**19 MOTIONS BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS [SO 7(j)(ii)]**

There are no motions in this category.

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**20 MOTIONS BY REQUEST OF A DIOCESAN SYNOD OR DIOCESAN COUNCIL [SO 7(j)(iii)]**

**20.1 Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility** (*Diocese of Adelaide*)

Bishop Chris McLeod moving, The Rev'd Professor Peter Sandeman seconding

The General Synod

- a) supports raising the age of Criminal Responsibility from 10 to 14 years;
  - b) asks the President to write conveying the resolution and support for it to the Federal Attorney-General and the Meeting of Attorneys-General.
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## 20.2 The Appellate Tribunal (*Diocese of Ballarat*)

Mr Peter Jarvis moving, The Rev'd Glen Wesley seconding

At the invitation of the Bishop-in-Council of the Diocese of Ballarat, the General Synod

1. Commends the integrity, hard work and considerable investment of time and energy by members of the Appellate Tribunal in dealing with liturgical innovations arising from the change to The Marriage Act 1961 as amended in 2019 concerning civil marriages.
2. Affirms our unity with Anglicans across Australia which is based on Christ's call and not our righteousness. We reject any sectarianism which claims doctrinal uniformity other than that expressed in the Creeds and in the Book of Common Prayer.

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## 20.3 Statements as to the Faith, Ritual, Ceremonial or Discipline of this Church made under Section 4 of the Constitution (*Diocese of Sydney*)

*In accordance with Rule V, the text of this statement, together with an Explanatory Memorandum, was sent to all members of the General Synod prior to the Synod. The Statement and Explanatory Memorandum are available at <https://anglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/GS18-Statements-as-to-the-faith-ritual-ceremonial-or-discipline-of-this-Church.pdf>*

*Rule V outlines the procedures for submitting, circulating and considering Statements*

### **Statement 1 - Marriage as the union of a man and a woman**

Archbishop Kanishka Raffel moving, The Rev'd Natalie Rosner seconding

Pursuant to the authority recognised in s.4 and s.26 of the Constitution to make statements as to the faith, ritual, ceremonial or discipline of this Church, and in accordance with the procedures set out in Rule V, the General Synod hereby states:

1. The faith, ritual, ceremonial and discipline of this Church reflect and uphold marriage as it was ordained from the beginning, being the exclusive union of one man and one woman arising from mutual promises of lifelong faithfulness, which is in accordance with the teaching of Christ that, "from the beginning the Creator made them male and female", and in marriage, "a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh" (Matt 19:4-5).
2. The solemnisation of a marriage between a same-sex couple is contrary to the teaching of Christ and the faith, ritual, ceremonial and/or discipline of this Church.
3. Any rite or ceremony that purports to bless a same-sex marriage is not in accordance with the teaching of Christ and the faith, ritual, ceremonial and/or discipline of this Church.

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**20.4 Statements as to the Faith, Ritual, Ceremonial or Discipline of this Church made under Section 4 of the Constitution (Diocese of Sydney)**

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*Rule V outlines the procedures for submitting, circulating and considering Statements*

Bishop Michael Stead moving, Ms Seak-King Huang seconding

**Statement 2 - Definition of Unchastity**

Pursuant to the authority recognised in s.4 and s.26 of the Constitution, to “make statements as to the... discipline of this Church”, and in accordance with the procedures set out in Rule V, the General Synod states that it continues to hold the historic view that unchastity means sexual activity outside a marriage relationship, defined in the *Book of Common Prayer* as the union of one man and one woman, in accordance with Jesus’ teaching about marriage in Matt 19:4-5.

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**20.5 Safe Churches (Diocese of Sydney)**

Bishop Peter Lin moving, The Rev’d Kate Beer seconding

General Synod—

1. Deplores and condemns any behaviour that is disrespectful, hurtful, intentionally insensitive, bullying or abusive, and recognises and rejoices in the image of God as reflected in every human being, regardless of race, social circumstances, creed or sexual identity, and apologises to and seeks forgiveness from lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex (LGBTI) persons whom we have treated in this way.
  2. Commits itself to fostering churches and fellowships where compassion and grace abound and where the love of God is expressed to all, so that our churches and ministries are welcoming, safe and respectful of all people.
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## 20.6 Affirming Singleness (*Diocese of Sydney*)

The Rev'd Dr Danielle Treweek moving, The Rev'd Dr Rhys Bezzant seconding

General Synod—

1. Notes that *Faithfulness in Service* was adopted by the General Synod in 2004 “as the national code for personal behaviour and the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and lay church workers” (Resolution 33/04).
2. Notes that in *Faithfulness in Service* clergy and church workers are called to take “responsibility for their sexual conduct by maintaining chastity in singleness and faithfulness in marriage” (FIS 7.2).
3. Affirms that singleness is, like marriage, an honourable state for God’s people, in which the fullness of God’s blessings may be enjoyed. Singleness is highly commended in Scripture (1 Cor 7:8, 32-38; Matt 19:10-12).

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## 20.7 Blessing Civil Same-sex marriages (*Diocese of Sydney*)

The Rev'd Dr Mark Thompson moving, The Rev'd Jennifer Hercott seconding

General Synod—

1. notes that Resolution I.10 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference declared that it “cannot advise the legitimising or blessing of same sex unions”, and
  2. notes that the blessing of same-sex marriages in Anglican jurisdictions overseas was a key catalyst for the “tear in the fabric of the Anglican Communion” that has widened over the past two decades, and is likely to have the same dire and potentially irreversible consequences for the Anglican Church of Australia, and
  3. notes the Majority Opinion of the Appellate Tribunal in the Wangaratta Reference that the form of service proposed by the Wangaratta Regulation which permits the blessing of a same-sex marriage is not contrary to our Constitution or Canons, and notwithstanding this
  4. continues to affirm GS Resolution 62/04, that “this General Synod does not condone the liturgical blessing of same sex relationships”, on the basis that this is contrary to the teaching of Christ (e.g., Matt 19:4-5) and the faith, ritual, ceremonial and/or discipline of this Church, and
  5. calls on Diocesan Bishops and Synods to take the necessary steps to prevent the blessing of same-sex marriages and/or unions in their diocese, so as to uphold the teaching of Christ and preserve and protect the unity of the Anglican Church of Australia.
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**21 MOTIONS FOR BILLS FOR CANONS BY REQUEST OF A DIOCESAN SYNOD OR DIOCESAN COUNCIL [SO 7(j)(iii)]**

**21.1 Bill 11 – A Bill for the Canon Concerning Services (Amendment) Canon 2022 (Book Ref 1-78) (Diocese of Sydney)**

Bishop Michael Stead moving, The Rev'd Lynda Johnston seconding

That a Bill for the Canon Concerning Services (Amendment) Canon 2022 be approved in principle.

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**22 MOTIONS FOR RULES BY REQUEST OF A DIOCESAN SYNOD OR A DIOCESAN COUNCIL [SO 7(j)(iii)]**

**22.1 Bill R03 – A Bill for a Rule to Amend Rule II – Standing Committee (Membership) 2022 (Book Ref 1-81) (Diocese of Sydney)**

The Ven Dane Courtney moving, Mrs Briony Bounds seconding

That a Bill for a Rule to Amend Rule II – Standing Committee (Membership) 2022 be approved in principle.

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**23 NOTICES OF MOTION RECEIVED BY STANDING COMMITTEE FROM MEMBERS OF SYNOD [SO 7(l)]**

**23.1 Being the Body of Christ**

Bishop Matt Brain moving, the Rev Prof Dorothy Lee seconding

That this General Synod

- a) acknowledging that there are several theological and spiritual cultures within The Anglican Church of Australia,
- b) recognising that the persons within each culture adhere to it for reasons of belief conscientiously held in adherence to holy scripture as well as social identity, and
- c) welcoming the strengths that our diverse unity brings,

therefore calls on all Anglicans regardless of their cultural identity to:

- d) respect one another's cultures,
- e) build on what we hold in common,
- f) affirm that the separation of any one of us diminishes us all, and
- g) where we differ seek, 'in the spirit of Philippians 3:13, "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead", to discover each other's faith as it is today and to appeal to history only for enlightenment, not as a way of perpetuating past controversy'\*

so that the gospel we proclaim may be attractive to the widest range of Australians to whom we seek to minister.

*\*From the aims of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC I) accessed 6 March 2022 at [www.anglicancentreinrome.org/arcic-i-ii-and-iii](http://www.anglicancentreinrome.org/arcic-i-ii-and-iii).*

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### **23.2 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women**

Bishop Keith Joseph moving, Justice Debra Mullins AO seconding

That Synod notes that:

this year marks the 30th anniversary of the ordination of the first women priests in the Anglican Church of Australia and that by the end of 1992 92 women had been ordained priests Australia wide – '92 in 92';

currently, according to the Anglican Church Directory 2020/21 there are 3831 clergy of whom 888 (23%) are women. Of this number there are 7 bishops, 397 active priests, 171 active deacons, 66 whose position is not specified and 247 who are retired;

and acknowledges the important contribution ordained women have made and continue to make to worship, ministry and leadership in the Anglican church.

and notes further that this year will be a time for observance of this anniversary across the nation;

and that 2 of the original 92 in 92: the Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO, the Archbishop of Perth and the Right Reverend Kate Prowd, Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Melbourne are members of this Synod.

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### **23.3 Kriol Preya Buk 2021**

The Rev'd Kate Beer moving, Bishop Greg Anderson seconding

The General Synod gives thanks to God for the publication of the Kriol Preya Buk 2021 in the Diocese of the Northern Territory.

Recognising the Anglican value of worshipping God in a language understood by the people, Synod celebrates with joy the work of Kriol speakers involved in this translation project and commends the work of further liturgy translation.

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### **23.4 Directors of Professional Standards**

Mr Lachlan Bryant moving, Justice Debra Mullins AO seconding

This General Synod:

- i. Affirm the importance of all Dioceses in the national church having robust child protection and professional standards systems in place for the safety and wellbeing of church members.
- ii. Encourage all Dioceses to have or appoint a Director of Professional Standards who is able to fully participate in the Network of Directors of Professional Standards and to be properly resourced to undertake their role, including the provision of skilled professional supervision.
- iii. Encourage all Dioceses to do their utmost to prioritise the support and resourcing of the office of their Professional Standards Director commensurate to the importance of their work in child protection and professional standards.

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### **23.5 Broughton Publishing - Anglican Church of Australia Directory**

Mr Philip Gerber moving, The Very Rev'd Richard Humphrey seconding

Synod commends the board and management of Broughton Publishing and editor Colin Reilly on the production of the Anglican Church of Australia Directory in both print and online editions, and encourages dioceses, parishes and members of the clergy to fully support this project by offering every assistance in keeping information up to date.

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### **23.6 Australian Anglicans Worship**

The Ven Dane Courtney moving, The Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith AM seconding

Synod expresses its thanks to the Rev'd Dr Charles Sherlock and Broughton Publishing for providing the important resource Australian Anglicans Worship, which offers a commentary on A Prayer Book for Australia and related liturgical material together with suggestions about how it may be creatively used, and commends this publication to all who plan and lead services in our churches.

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### **23.7 National Aboriginal Bishop and the National Torres Strait Islander Bishop**

Bishop Keith Joseph moving, Bishop Chris McLeod seconding

That this General Synod requests the Standing Committee to consider provision for a full stipend and travel allowance for the National Aboriginal Bishop and the National Torres Strait Islander Bishop.

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### **23.8 Viability of Regional Dioceses**

Bishop Keith Joseph moving, Bishop Greg Anderson seconding

This General Synod

Recognising the financial stress and administrative strain placed on regional and rural dioceses due to the legacy of historic sexual abuse claims, the rising cost of insuring property and ministry operations, and the increased workload from centrally-mandated ministry programs: requests that the Standing Committee, with the support of the Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force determine how the Metropolitan Dioceses could take on greater responsibility for supporting ministry in all the dioceses of their respective Provinces including but not limited to policies, processes, administration, registries, insurance, redress and continued presence in regional and rural ministries.

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