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MOTIONS AMENDMENT SHEET

DAY 5 – FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022

Report prepared by the Secretaries of Synod pursuant to SO42A(c).

| BP Item No | Amendment Proposed | Proposed By | Response of Mover |
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| 20.2 | <p>The Appellate Tribunal</p> <p>Paragraph 1:</p> <p>1. After the words “Appellate Tribunal”, add the words “, and also the House of Bishops and the Board of Assessors,”</p> <p>Paragraph 2:</p> <p>2. Delete the words “We reject any sectarianism which claims” and also delete the words “other than that”</p> <p>3. Prior to the words “doctrinal uniformity” add the words “We look for”</p> <p>4. After the words “doctrinal uniformity” add the words “on the basis”</p> <p>5. After the words “expressed in the” add the words “Holy Scriptures, the Nicene and Apostles”</p> <p>6. After the words “Book of Common Prayer” add the words “and the Thirty-Nine Articles.”</p> | Sandy Grant | |

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| <p>23.1</p> | <p>Being the Body of Christ</p> <p>Delete the words “theological and” in the current clause a)</p> <p>Following the words “That this General Synod” with consequential renumbering: “a) rejoices in the Christian Faith professed by the Church of Christ from the time of the New Testament, and in particular set forth in the Creeds; b) joyfully recommits to respectful and reverent reading, teaching and preaching of the canonical Scriptures as our ultimate rule and standard of faith, inspired by God and containing all things necessary for salvation; c) and humbly re-expresses its determination to obey the commands of Christ and teach his doctrine as these are given to us in Scripture. It also”</p> | <p>Mark Thompson</p> | |
| <p>23.1</p> | <p>Being the Body of Christ</p> <p>Deleting all of the words following “That this General Synod” except accepting and incorporating the above proposed amendments by Dr Mark Thompson to paragraphs a) to c) and following the words of that amendment “It also”, add the words: d) acknowledges that within these boundaries there is diversity of culture, tradition, and experience, which we can appreciate and from which we can often learn. e) accepts that people within our church try to act according to their conscience in good faith, f) welcomes the strengths that our diverse membership brings to our unity in Christ. g) Therefore it calls on all Anglicans regardless of their cultural identity to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. respect one another’s cultures, 2. build on what we hold in common, 3. affirm that separation from fellow believers diminishes the body of Christ, and 4. where we differ to faithfully speak the gospel truth in love and to offer and receive correction in gentleness, humility and patience, 5. while adorning the gospel with godly conduct and good deeds. | <p>Tim Mildenhall</p> | |

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| 23.2 | <p>30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women</p> <p>[after the final paragraph, whose final full stop is changed to a semicolon]</p> <p>and affirms that the women who are priests or bishops properly exercise full spiritual authority as teachers and leaders of congregations and dioceses in the Anglican Church of Australia.</p> | Elizabeth Joyce Smith | |
| 24.1 | <p>Statutory Assessment</p> <p>Delete all matter “Furthermore...Account (p5).”</p> <p>Delete the words “Synod therefore”</p> <p>Delete all matter “explore.....;and” (change punctuation as required).</p> | Gavin Poole | |
| 24.2 | <p>Funding of Commissions, Task Forces or Projects</p> <p>Delete the words: “a) before any new commission, taskforce or project is established the cost to the General Synod Budget be presented to the synod for consideration and that no funds be allocated to the commission or taskforce in excess of the amount approved upon establishment.”</p> <p>Renumber so (b) becomes (a), and part (c) becomes part (b).</p> | Leanne Beagley | |
| 24.14 | <p>Euthanasia</p> <p>Deleting the words in point 4 “, including residential aged care providers,”</p> | Peter Sandeman | |
| 24.14 | <p>Euthanasia</p> <p>Adding the words below after 1.d. to form a new 1.e. “e. it undervalues the positive contribution vulnerable or terminally ill people may make in the lives of others.”</p> | Zachary Veron | |
| 24.14 | <p>Euthanasia</p> <p>Paragraph 3, line 3, after “support” insert “nor permit”.</p> <p>Paragraph 4, line 5, after “facilitate” insert “, support”.</p> | Karin Sowada | |

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| 24.16 | <p>Palliative Care Funding</p> <p>After Paragraph 3 add the words:</p> <p>“And encourages all ordained leaders to become involved with their palliative care network to offer spiritual advice and pastoral care.”</p> | Peter Richards | |
| 24.17 | <p>Ukraine</p> <p>Delete the words “for their calls” in paragraph (e) and add the words “who have called” in place of the deleted words.</p> | Stuart Rodney Malcolm Southwell | |
| 24.17 | <p>Ukraine</p> <p>In clause (d) and in clause (e) after the words “Russian Orthodox Church” insert the words “and Russian Protestant Churches”</p> | Michael Bird | Seen and approved by the mover of the motion |
| 24.20 | <p>Non Diocesan Members of Synod Defence Force</p> <p>Delete the words: “the Defence Force Board” and replace with the words “the Defence Force Anglican Chaplaincy Incorporated (DFACI)”</p> | Katherine Bowyer | |
| 24.20 | <p>Non Diocesan Members of Synod Defence Force</p> <p>Add the words “be included as a non-diocesan clergy representative member of Synod” after the word “Bishop” in the third line of the motion.</p> <p>Add the words “clergy and lay” before the words “members of Synod” in the last line of the motion.</p> | Debra Mullins | |

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| <p>24.24</p> | <p>Exemptions Clauses for Religious Bodies</p> <p>Delete clause 3</p> <p>Replace the old clause 4 (now renumbered as #3) with:</p> <p>3. Notes the 2020 Majority Opinions of the Appellate Tribunal distinguish between “doctrine” in the technical sense in which that word is used in our Constitution (where it is limited to those matters that which are required of necessity to be believed for salvation) and “doctrine” in the broader sense in which it is used in the Church.</p> <p>Replace old clause 5, now numbered #4 with:</p> <p>4. Recognises that, for the avoidance of doubt, it is expedient to affirm that past statements of the General Synod about the church’s “doctrine” of marriage use the word in this broader sense, and therefore that these statements continue to describe the “doctrines, tenets, beliefs or teachings” of our church.</p> | <p>Mover’s amendments to own motion</p> | |
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**Attachment: Business Paper item Number 23.7
National Aboriginal Bishop and the National Torres Strait Islander Bishop**

Motion regarding stipendiary arrangements for the National Aboriginal Bishop and National Torres Strait Islander Bishop

AMENDED MOTION:

Moved by the Right Reverend Dr Keith Joseph and seconded by the Right Reverend Chris McLeod:

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 and to bring a proposal to the next General Synod for implementation.

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

1. The seconder, Bishop Chris McLeod, is the current National Aboriginal Bishop. This could give rise to a perceived conflict of interest. However, Bishop Chris advises that he has recently been appointed the Dean of St Peters Adelaide, a position he intends to continue in until he retires. Accordingly, Bishop Chris will not personally benefit if this motion is given effect: potential beneficiaries would be future National Torres Strait Islander Bishops and National Aboriginal Bishops.
2. The proposer has enjoyed lengthy discussions with the Torres Strait Islander clergy, and based on those discussions it is not anticipated that a Torres Strait Islander Bishop will be appointed prior to the next General Synod. Likewise it is not anticipated that another National Aboriginal Bishop will be identified prior to the next General Synod.
3. Accordingly there are no budgetary implications for the life of this General Synod.
4. However it is possible to estimate costs based on costs of stipends and travel as in 2021. Based on a stipend for an Assistant Bishop of 1.1 times the stipend for a Rector in the Diocese of North Queensland (with figures rounded) the basic stipend would be \$76,000. With superannuation this would come to \$83,600. Provision of a car would bring this figure to around \$90,000 per annum. The housing allowance between Dioceses varies, but in North Queensland the housing allowance is 25% of the stipend, so this would be \$19,000, giving a package of \$109,000. Add another \$1000 for various on-costs (insurances, etc) this results in a total package of at least \$110,000 per bishop.
5. Travel costs then need to be added on. In the Diocese of North Queensland the current bishop performs the duties associated with the Bishop of the Torres Strait Islands, and the travel budget associated with that role is \$50,000 per annum. Commercial flights around the Torres Strait are on average \$500 per leg for travel and accommodation in guest houses is about \$250 per night (the total diocesan budget for travel expenditure in the Torres Strait is \$92,000 per annum). There would also be travel for the National Torres Strait Islander Bishop to other parts of Australia for meetings or to visit the Torres Strait Islander diaspora, which would be about another \$10,000 per annum.
6. The National Aboriginal Bishop will require similar amounts of travel expenses in order to visit remote Aboriginal Communities on the Cape York Peninsula and in the Northern Territory, as well as visiting the other Aboriginal communities throughout Australia. So travel expenses of approximately \$60,000 for each Bishop appear to be a reasonable maximum expenditure.
7. Other administrative costs will be incurred by the General Synod office in supporting both bishops, estimated at \$10,000 per annum.
8. Accordingly the estimated cost for each bishop **starting at earliest in 2026** is:

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| Stipendiary Package: | \$110,000 |
| Travel: | \$60,000 |
| General Synod Office Costs: | \$5,000 |
| TOTAL | \$175,000 |