

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

GENERAL SYNOD

EIGHTEENTH SESSION 2022

MOTIONS AMENDMENT SHEET

DAY 2 – TUESDAY 10 MAY 2022

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

BP Item No	Amendment Proposed	Proposed By	Response of Mover
16.6	<p>Families and Culture Commission</p> <p>Deleting the word “women” where it twice appears and replacing it with the word “individuals”.</p>	David Phillips	
16.7	<p>Resourcing the Families and Culture Commission</p> <p>Deleting the words: “(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”</p> <p>Adding the words: “(a) requests the Standing Committee to consider how to provide additional funding for the Families and Culture Commission for 2023 to 2025 without increasing the Statutory Assessment or Special Assessment, including giving consideration to drawing down from the reserves for this purpose; and”</p>	Laurence Scandrett	

16.7	<p>Resourcing the Families and Culture Commission</p> <p>Seeking to amend the proposed amendment by Mr Laurence Scandrett referred to above by deleting the words: “consider how to”; and, “including”.</p>	Leanne Beagley	
16.11	<p>Climate Change - Call to Australian Governments</p> <p>In paragraphs B and C, replace “nett” with “net”.</p> <p>In paragraph E, after the word “Australia” add the words “, or China, India or the USA among others”.</p> <p>Add new paragraph at the end of the preamble (lettered as required): “G. That food and water insecurity, poor sanitation, inadequate shelter, and energy insecurity and affordability are also critical issues for over a billion people in the developing world.”</p> <p>In current paragraph 2: Delete the phrase “threat to life” and replace it with “challenges”</p> <p>In current paragraph 3: Delete the word “appalled” and replace it with “concerned” Delete “pay-lip service to” and replace it with “speak of” Delete “climate catastrophe and immense suffering” and replace it with “the urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet represented by climate change”</p> <p>In current paragraph 4: Delete the words “ashamed of” and replace with “concerned by” After the words “businesses in Australia,”, add the words, “calls them to take seriously the warnings of scientists,”</p> <p>In current paragraph 8: Delete the word “demands” and replace with “asks”</p> <p>In current paragraph 9: Delete the phrase “climate catastrophe” and</p>	Sandy Grant	

	<p>replace with the words “the urgent threats represented by climate change”</p> <p>Add new paragraph after current paragraph 2 (numbered appropriately): “commends the Coalition Government and Labor Opposition for endorsing the goal of net zero emissions by 2050;”</p> <p>At the end of paragraph 5, add the following words “,though noting the high thermal quality of much of our coal and the serious economic impact such a phase down will cause in mining communities”</p> <p>After current paragraph 8, add a new paragraph appropriately numbered: “9. encourages research into, and generous foreign aid for, mitigation, adaptability and resilience measures, especially in developing nations, because many of the impacts resulting from the changing climate are locked in for centuries (as the IPCC notes);”</p> <p>After current paragraph 9, add a new paragraph appropriately numbered: “10. And commits to pray to Almighty God towards these ends.”</p>		
<p>16.11</p>	<p>Climate Change - Call to Australian Governments</p> <p>Add new paragraphs after current paragraph 1 (numbered appropriately): “2. recognises God’s sovereign and good superintendence of his creation and acknowledges human responsibility for our stewardship of it; 3. trusts Jesus Christ as ultimate reconciler of all things in creation, through his blood shed on the cross and looks with hope to his promise of a renewed creation; 4. humbly accepts the complexity and uncertainties involved with the science of climate change and the difficulties of global political agreement on action needed across the world;”</p> <p>And inserts as the first word of current paragraph 2 (which would become para 5), the word “nevertheless”.</p>	<p>Nigel Fortescue</p>	

16.11	<p>Climate Change - Call to Australian Governments</p> <p>After the current paragraph 7, add a new paragraph: “8. commends bipartisan political open-mindedness towards research into potential Australian involvement in modern nuclear power generation which is ‘net zero’ regarding emissions;”</p> <p>Delete the current paragraph F in the preamble section.</p> <p>Delete current paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6.</p> <p>Delete paragraph 8.</p>	Andrew Tong	
16.20	<p>Defence Chaplaincy</p> <p>At the end of the first dot point, add “which requires an immense amount of bravery and creativity”</p> <p>Insert a new dot point 3: • Thanks the Chaplains for the continued financial support of the Bishop of Defence’s Office</p> <p>Insert a final dot point: • That General Synod notes the Australian Defence Values of diversity and inclusion and the necessity for all Defence members including Chaplains who are defence members to adhere to them.</p>	Katherine Bowyer	
20.2	<p>The Appellate Tribunal</p> <p>Paragraph 1: 1. Delete the words “Commends the integrity” and replace with the words “Notes the”</p> <p>Paragraph 2: 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</p>	Sandy Grant	Mover Peter Jarvis accepts proposed amendments 2, 3, 4 and 6. Accepts proposed amendment 5 by adding the words “and affirmation creeds” at the end and deleting the word “and” between the

	<p>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>		<p>words “Nicene” and “Apostles”. The mover does not accept proposed amendment 1.</p>
20.3	<p>Statement 1 – Marriage as the union of a man and woman</p> <p>Deleting the words as struck out: 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Adding the words as underlined and italicised: 2.The <u>Currently the</u> solemnisation of a marriage between a same-sex couple is <u>unlawful within</u> contrary to the teaching of Christ and the faith, ritual, ceremonial and/or discipline of this Church (<u>Appellate Tribunal 2020, Wangaratta, 39, 70-732, 123</u>).</p> <p>3. Any rite or ceremony that purports to bless a same-sex marriage <u>that conforms to the constitutions and canons in force in a diocese of this church from time to time is not unlawful in this Church.</u>is not in accordance with the teaching of Christ and the faith, ritual, ceremonial and/or discipline of this Church.</p>	Jonathan Holland	
20.3	<p>Statement 1 – Marriage as the union of a man and woman</p> <p>Adding the words after existing sub-section 1: 2. In 2004 (Resolutions 62/04, 63/04) General Synod did ‘not condone the liturgical blessing of same sex relationships’ nor ‘the ordination of people in committed same sex relationships’ recognising that both matters were subject to ‘ongoing debate in this church and that we all have an obligation to</p>	Cecily Jane Freemantle	

	<p>listen to each other with respect.'</p> <p>3. In 2017 the Commonwealth Parliament amended the definition of 'marriage' in the Marriage Act (1961) to mean 'the union of 2 people to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life', thereby making lawful the marriage of two persons of the same sex and presenting this church with a profoundly altered missional and pastoral context.</p> <p>And renumber existing 2. and 3. to become 4. and 5.</p>		
<p>20.3</p>	<p>Statement 1 – Marriage as the union of a man and woman</p> <p>Deleting the words that are struck out: 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).</p> <p>Adding the words that are underlined and italicised: 1. <u>Currently, the</u> The faith, ritual, ceremonial and discipline of this Church reflect and uphold marriage as it was ordained from the beginning, <u>as</u> being the exclusive union of one man and one woman arising from mutual promises of lifelong faithfulness, which is in accordance with <u>Matt 19.4-5: the teaching of Christ that, "from <u>the one who made them at the beginning</u> the Creator made them male and female", <u>and said,</u> and in marriage, "<u>For this reason</u> a man will leave his father and mother and be united <u>joined</u> to his wife, and the two will become one flesh" (Matt 19:4-5).</u></p>	<p>Katherine Bowyer</p>	

20.5	<p>Safe Churches</p> <p>Deleting the following words in clause 1: "and seeks forgiveness from"</p> <p>Adding in a new clause 1, a new clause 2, a new clause 3, and a new clause 5 as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hears with compassion the reported experience of LGBTI people of stigma from cultural, family and religious groups which should be places which support their safety and wellbeing; 2. Is alarmed at the reports of the significantly heightened risk of suicide, attempted suicide, and suicidal ideation in the LGBTI community attributed to the experience of stigma; 3. Commits itself afresh to listen to the experience of LGBTI persons; 5. Requests the House of Bishops to consider and provide guidance to the faithful about the impact of pastoral and liturgical practices which imply the use of spiritual power or authority which is intended to or perceived to be intended to suppress, cure or change the sexual orientation or gender identity of a person. 	Peter Stuart	
20.6	<p>Affirming Singleness</p> <p>Deleting the words: "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 and 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)"</p>	William Leadbetter	
23.1	<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;</p>	Mark Thompson	

	<p>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;</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It also”</p>		
23.1	<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:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>e) accepts that people within our church try to act according to their conscience in good faith,</p> <p>f) welcomes the strengths that our diverse membership brings to our unity in Christ.</p> <p>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. 	Tim Mildenhall	
23.7	<p>National Aboriginal Bishop and the National Torres Strait Islander Bishop</p> <p>After the words “National Torres Strait Islander Bishop” add the words “and to bring a proposal to the next General Synod for implementation.”</p> <p>NOTE: Refer to <i>attached</i> Explanatory Note.</p>	Keith Joseph	

<p>23.8</p>	<p>Viability of Regional Dioceses</p> <p>Delete the words “requests that the Standing Committee, with the support of the Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force determine how the Metropolitan Dioceses could”</p> <p>After the words “ministry programs” insert the words “encourages the Metropolitan and other better resourced dioceses, where possible, to”</p> <p>After the word “insurance,” and before the word “redress” insert “safe ministry training and audit”</p>	<p>Doug Marr</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:

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