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GENERAL SYNOD

EIGHTEENTH SESSION 2022

MOTIONS AMENDMENT SHEET

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2022

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

BP Item No	Amendment Proposed	Proposed By	Response of Mover
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. After the words “Appellate Tribunal”, add the words “, and also the House of Bishops and the Board of Assessors,”</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”</p>	Sandy Grant	

	<p>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>		
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> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>3. Commits itself afresh to listen to the experience of LGBTI persons;</p> <p>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.</p>	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)</p> <p>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	

<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>	

<p>23.2</p>	<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>	<p>Elizabeth Joyce Smith</p>	
<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>	
<p>24.4</p>	<p>Sydney Anglican Schools</p> <p>Deleting the words:</p> <p>a) "regarding the imposition of heteronormativity as a required belief for Principals and Board Members of Anglican Schools in the Diocese of Sydney"</p> <p>and after the words such publicity delete "has" and replace it with "may have"</p> <p>b) "and that several School Principals chose to speak "on the condition of anonymity", indicating not insignificant concerns regarding freedom of speech, dialogue, and transparency, values central and intrinsic to the very notion of education and religious affiliation;"</p> <p>c) delete the paragraph entirely</p> <p>d) delete the paragraph entirely</p> <p>e) after the words: is distressed that this;</p>	<p>Peter Tong</p>	

	<p>delete the word "action" and insert the words, "media attention". After the words: in which the church is; delete the word "seen" and insert the word "portrayed".</p> <p>Add the words: d) notes that the General Synod respects the rights of an individual diocese to determine the governance policies for the organisations and schools within their diocese.</p> <p>e) notes that the Personal Statement of Faith used in the Diocese of Sydney affirms that marriage is between a man and a woman.</p>		
24.14	<p>Euthanasia</p> <p>Deleting the words in point 4 “, including residential aged care providers,”</p>	Peter Sandeman	

**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