



Anglican Church of Australia

General Synod

RESOLUTIONS OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

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The resolutions of the Synod will be published in the Proceedings Book for the Eighteenth Session of General Synod.

APPRECIATION	
R44/18 *	<p>Broughton Publishing - Anglican Church of Australia Directory</p> <p>Mr Philip Gerber moving, The Very Rev'd Richard Humphrey seconding</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
R53/18	<p>Vote of Thanks – Mr Garth Blake AM SC</p> <p>The Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith moving, Ms Audrey Mills seconding</p> <p>That this Synod thanks Garth Blake for his work and leadership in safety and protection of children and vulnerable people, with the goal of creating a safe Church.</p> <p>Garth has also made a significant contribution with his legal knowledge and assistance as a member of Standing Committee and to this Synod over many years.</p> <p>Garth was the first chair of the Child Protection Unit, until the formation of the Professional Standards Commission in 2004, now constituted as the Safe Ministry Commission.</p> <p>In these roles he has led the significant work in the national church in the development of legislation, understanding of the national and state requirements, and the ensuring that as a church we have recognised the need for our church to respond to past and present abuse and do all we can to protect it.</p> <p>Garth has also led this work in the Anglican Communion.</p> <p>Notably his leadership enabled us to respond positively to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and that work continues.</p> <p>That this Synod give thanks to God for Garth's work and service to the General Synod and the Anglican Church of Australia.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
R71/18	<p>Anglican Super</p> <p>Mr Allan Thomson moving, Mr Malcolm Purvis seconding</p> <p>General Synod congratulates Anglican Super on its 60th anniversary and thanks it for reflecting our Anglican understanding in its ethical investment practices, notably against gambling, slavery and human trafficking.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wednesday 11 May 2022</p>

APPRECIATION cont'd	
R72/18	<p>Anglican Schools Australia</p> <p>The Rt Rev'd Jeremy Greaves moving, the Most Rev'd Kay Goldsworthy AO seconding,</p> <p>That this Synod gives thanks for the ministry of Anglican Schools Australia as a vibrant Network of General Synod; and affirms the place of Anglican Schools in the life of our Church as agencies of education and mission.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wednesday 11 May 2022</p>
R100/18	<p>Dr Barry Newman BSc</p> <p>The Rev'd Nigel Fortescue moving, Dr Robert Tong AM seconding</p> <p>That this Synod notes that this will most likely be the last General Synod that Dr Barry Newman BSc (Hons 1) BA (Hons 1) MSc PhD will be a representative for the Diocese of Sydney.</p> <p>This Synod gives great thanks for Barry's acute knowledge of the Scriptures, his great love for the atoning work of Christ, its centrality in his life, and his incredible enthusiasm for evangelistic ministry. In particular we give thanks that God's amazing grace in saving him has led to his overriding concern to share the good news of the gospel.</p> <p>We also give thanks for Barry's passionate approach to the business of the General Synod, particularly in pursuing faithfulness in mission, the sacraments and theological thinking. We also note his remarkable capacity to speak without notes in a structured and informative manner without becoming loquacious or verbose.</p> <p>Finally this Synod wishes God's every blessing on Barry, and his wife Laurie, for the future.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>
R101/18	<p>The Hon Peter Young AO QC</p> <p>Dr Laurie Scandrett moving, Dr Robert Tong AM seconding</p> <p>This Synod notes that at GS17 in 2017 the Synod resolved: "That this Synod notes that this will most likely be the last General Synod that The Hon. Peter Young AO QC will be a representative for the Diocese of Sydney.</p> <p>This Synod gives great thanks for Peter's encyclopaedic knowledge of the law and a deep commitment to Christ and his Church, the Anglican Church of Australia. This has been exemplified by his continuous membership of this Synod from the Sixth General Synod in 1985 to the Seventeenth General Synod in 2017, and his other national Church involvements.</p> <p>This Synod particularly notes his insightful time on the General Synod Standing Committee, his detailed work as the Chairman of Committees of General Synod, his perceptive work on the Church Law Commission, his Chairmanship of the National Church Constitution Commission, and of course his sacrificial service firstly as a member and then as the President of the Appellate Tribunal."</p>

	<p>This Synod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • now notes that GS18 will be the last General Synod that The Hon. Peter Young AO QC will attend as a representative for the Diocese of Sydney; • definitively reiterates the contents of the motion it passed in 2017 about Peter; • notes with sadness the recent passing of Peter's wife Pam and extends its condolences to him; and • wishes God's every blessing on Peter for the future. <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>
R110/18	<p>Archbishop Geoff Smith</p> <p>The Rt Rev'd Dr Paul Barker moving, The Rt Rev'd Gary Koo seconding,</p> <p>That this Synod gives thanks for the Presidency of Archbishop Geoff Smith in General Synod 18, 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>
R111/18	<p>General Synod Arrangements</p> <p>Justice Debra Mullins OA moving, Rt Rev'd Cameron Venables seconding,</p> <p>The General Synod gratefully thanks –</p> <p>The President, Archbishop Geoff Smith,</p> <p>The Chair of Committees and the Deputy Chairs of Committees,</p> <p>for their careful carriage of the business of the General Synod;</p> <p>The Clerical Secretary and the Lay Secretary;</p> <p>The President's Chaplain;</p> <p>The Diocese of Brisbane for their generous assistance with local arrangements;</p> <p>The members of the Minutes Reading Committee;</p> <p>The members of the Election and Qualifications Committee;</p> <p>The Liturgy Committee, worship leaders and chaplains;</p> <p>Our Bible Reflection leaders;</p> <p>The Media Team;</p> <p>Those who have supported this General Synod through travel arrangements, event management, The RACV Resort;</p> <p>The General Secretary, Ms Anne Hywood, and the General Synod Office team for their work which has provided for such a smooth and successful meeting;</p> <p>The Primate's Executive Assistant;</p> <p>and all members of the General Synod.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>

DEFENCE FORCE MINISTRY	
R95/18	<p>Defence Chaplaincy</p> <p>Mr Alan Gallimore moving, The Rev'd Catherine Wynn Jones seconding</p> <p>The General Synod</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p style="text-align: right;">Thursday 12 May 2022</p>
R74/18	<p>Rates of Suicide of Australian Defence Force (ADF) Veterans</p> <p>Bishop Keith Dalby moving, Bishop Keith Joseph seconding</p> <p>*</p> <p>General Synod notes with concern the rates of suicide for Australian Defence Force (ADF) Veterans and accordingly commends the work of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide and the Interim National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention, and observes that these highlight the effectiveness of ADF Chaplains in suicide prevention for current serving members and families and affirms the work of ADF Chaplains particularly in the areas of suicide prevention, moral injury and spiritual wounds.</p> <p>General Synod also notes with appreciation the recent Federal Budget funding for a new chaplaincy support program for veterans but also views with concern the shortage of Anglican ministers available to be Australian Defence Force chaplains and veterans chaplains. In turn it is noted that this impacts adversely on the growing demand for programs to help veterans suffering moral injury and spiritual wounds which are the result of military service in peace or conflict.</p> <p>This Synod expresses its heartfelt thanks to the women and men of our Defence Force and their immediate and extended families for their commitment to the service of our country. We further recognise that this service often comes with deep personal, physical emotional and psychological costs that are not always visible to those around them but never the less are real and impactful on their lives and the lives of those around them. As a Synod we express our sorrow for this impact on their lives but would like to express our thanks for their service, and assurance of</p>

	<p>our prayers and support for them both at this time, and into the future.</p> <p>Therefore General Synod calls on all diocese to commit to making churches and welfare agencies more accessible and relevant to veterans and families, and to raise up chaplains for this work; and requests the Primate to affirm and facilitate this work by appointing an additional non-stipended archdeacon under the Bishop to the Defence Force as the point of contact between the ADF, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Church.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wednesday 11 May 2022</p>
DOCTRINE	
R58/18	<p>Doctrine Commission</p> <p>The Rev'd James Harricks moving, the Ven Kara Hartley seconding</p> <p>We thank the Doctrine Commission for their report on the gospel and its consequences and commend it to the General Synod as we continue to reflect on the glorious gospel of grace that indeed 'impacts the whole of life personally, corporately, and socially.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>
ECUMENICAL RELATIONS	
R45A/18	<p>Anglican Lutheran Dialogue - Perspectives on Mission</p> <p>* The Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall AC moving, The Right Rev'd John Stead seconding</p> <p>The General Synod</p> <p>(i) commends the Anglican-Lutheran Dialogue Group for <i>Perspectives on Mission</i>;</p> <p>(ii) notes the Doctrine Commission's advice that <i>Perspectives on Mission</i> 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 <i>Common Ground</i>; and adopts it for that purpose;</p> <p>(iii) encourages members of the Anglican Church of Australia to study <i>Common Ground and Perspectives on Mission</i> and to foster closer cooperation and relations with the Lutheran Church of Australia.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
FAMILIES AND CULTURE	
R63/18	<p>* National Anglican Family Violence Project</p> <p>The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, the Very Rev'd Sandy Grant seconding</p> <p>The General Synod receives the reports of the National Anglican Family Violence Project commissioned by the Anglican Church of Australia Standing Committee:</p> <p>I. National Anglican Family Violence Research Report: for the Anglican Church of Australia</p> <p>II. NAFVP Prevalence Study Report,</p> <p>III. NAFVP Clergy and Lay Leaders Study Report, and</p> <p>IV. NAFVP Experience Study Report, and</p> <p>a) notes the 28 findings of the Research Project</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>
<p>R64/18</p> <p>*</p>	<p>Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia</p> <p>Dr Karin Sowada moving, the Rev'd Tracy Lauersen seconding</p> <p>The General Synod</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>c) thanks those dioceses who have adopted the Ten Commitments in their recent diocesan Synods</p> <p>d) encourages remaining dioceses to adopt the Ten Commitments at their coming synods.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>
<p>R65/18</p>	<p>Families and Culture Commission</p> <p>Dr Karin Sowada moving, the Rev'd Tracy Lauersen seconding</p> <p>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</p> <p>a) ratifies the new Families and Culture Commission established by the General Synod Standing Committee</p> <p>b) confirms the functions of the Families and Culture Commission to be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>

FINANCE	
R66/18	<p>General Synod Finances - Reports</p> <p>Mr Keith Stephens moving, The Right Rev'd Dr Michael Stead seconding,</p> <p>That the Treasurer's report on the financial position of the General Synod at 31 December 2021 be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>
R67/18	<p>That the audited financial statements of the General Synod for the year ended 31 December 2021, as adopted by Standing Committee, be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>
R68/18	<p>That the General Synod budget for the year ended 31 December 2022, as approved by Standing Committee, be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>
R69/18	<p>Resourcing the Families and Culture</p> <p>The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, Dr Karin Sowada seconding</p> <p>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</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; and c. requests Standing Committee to investigate opportunities for philanthropic and community funding to support the objectives of the Family and Culture Commission. <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>
R92/18	<p>General Synod Finances - Recommendations</p> <p>Mr Keith Stephens moving, the Right Rev'd Dr Michael Stead seconding</p> <p>16.3.4 That the General Synod budgets for the years ending 31 December 2022 and 2023, be varied to incorporate the Option Two proposal to fund the Family and Culture Commission by using unallocated surpluses in the Statutory Account from 2020 in 2021 and 2022 in 2023 and be approved.</p> <p>16.3.5 That Synod receives the General Synod forecast budget for years ended 31 December 2024 and 2025 now incorporating the additional costs of the Family and Culture Commission as approved by Motion 16.7 and encourages Standing Committee and the Family and Culture Commission to pursue philanthropic and community funding in order to reduce Statutory Assessment in these years if possible, noting that the intention is that from 2024 the funding will be provided through statutory assessments if this is not possible.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thursday 12 May 2022</p>

FIRST NATIONS ISSUES	
R83/18	<p>Family Violence and First Nations Communities</p> <p>The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod moving, Dr Rose Elu seconding</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wednesday 11 May 2022</p>
R98/18	<p>National Aboriginal Bishop and the National Torres Strait Islander Bishop</p> <p>The Right Rev'd Dr Keith Joseph moving, The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod seconding</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>
LITURGY	
R45/18	<p>Australian Anglicans Worship</p> <p>The Ven Dane Courtney moving, The Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith AM seconding</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
MARRIAGE, HUMAN SEXUALITY AND SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS	
R81/18	<p>Definition of Unchastity</p> <p>The Right Rev'd Dr Michael Stead moving, Ms Seak-King Huang seconding</p> <p>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 intimacy outside a marriage relationship, defined in the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> as the union of one man and one woman, in accordance with Jesus' teaching about marriage in Matt 19:4-5.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wednesday 11 May 2022</p>

MARRIAGE, HUMAN SEXUALITY AND SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS cont'd	
R82/18	<p>Safe Churches</p> <p>The Right Rev'd Peter Lin moving, The Rev'd Kate Beer seconding</p> <p>General Synod—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wednesday 11 May 2022</p>
R97/18	<p>Affirming Singleness</p> <p>The Rev'd Dr Danielle Treweek moving, The Rev'd Dr Rhys Bezzant seconding</p> <p>General Synod—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes that <i>Faithfulness in Service</i> 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 <i>Faithfulness in Service</i> 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>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).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thursday 12 May 2022</p>
R108/18	<p>Exemptions Clauses for Religious Bodies</p> <p>The Rt Rev'd Dr Michael Stead Moving, The Rev'd Natalie Rosner seconding</p> <p>General Synod—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes that Australia's obligations under Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to uphold freedom of religion is, in part, acquitted by means of legislative exemption clauses for religious bodies. 2. Notes that these exemption clauses only apply where “an act or practice [conforms] to the doctrines, tenets, beliefs or teachings of that religion” or words to that effect. 3. Notes the 2020 Majority Opinions of the Appellate Tribunal (Wangaratta and Newcastle references) 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. 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>5. Continues to affirm that marriage according to the rites and ceremonies of the Anglican Church of Australia is the voluntary union of one man and one woman arising from mutual promises of lifelong faithfulness. The doctrines, tenets, beliefs and teachings of our Church are expressed in the authorised liturgies of our church and there is currently no liturgy for the solemnisation of a same-sex marriage.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>
MISSION AND MINISTRY	
R42/18	<p>Mission to Seafarers</p> <p>The Right Rev'd John Stead moving, The Right Rev'd Gary Nelson seconding</p> <p>That General Synod</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
R49/18	<p>Ministry Wellbeing and Development: Policy Guidelines and Resources</p> <p>The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, The Right Rev'd Dr Ian Coutts seconding</p> <p>* The General Synod notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>Ministry Wellbeing and Development: Policy, Guidelines and Resources</i> document by the Standing Committee <p>and encourages dioceses to fully implement the policy and guidelines to enhance the wellbeing and professional development of clergy and some paid church workers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
R61/18	<p>Great Commission</p> <p>The Very Rev'd Sandy Grant moving, The Right Rev'd Rick Lewers seconding</p> <p>General Synod submits to the universal authority in heaven and earth given by God to the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we recommit to the 'Great Commission' he has given to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything Jesus has commanded us.</p> <p>Synod also recalls that the first and key mark of the Anglican Consultative Council's Five Marks of Mission is "To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom", and that the second Mark is to "To teach, baptise and nurture new believers".</p> <p>Therefore, Synod laments the lack of attention we have given in the ordering of our business towards encouraging evangelism and disciple-making.</p>

	<p>However, Synod commends Anglican organisations such as ABM (the Anglican Board of Mission), the Defence Force Board with its Anglican Chaplains, the Mission to Seafarers, BCA (the Bush Church Aid Society) and NATSIAC (the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council) for how central or important “preaching” or “proclaiming” the gospel of Christ is to their stated missions.</p> <p>We also affirm the observation made (Book 4, p 4-175) by the Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force (DFATF), in the context of addressing the serious lack of financial sustainability of many dioceses and so encouraging the possibility of combining of ‘back office’ functions, that “... with a growing church, many of the financial concerns that DFATF and others have been attempting to address would be ameliorated or disappear. Hence the strategic priority of the Church should be on most effectively sharing the gospel and nurturing the faithful with a view to increasing Church membership.”</p> <p>We urge the Standing Committee and its Commissions to keep obedience to the first and primary mark of mission firmly in view, even when the particular matters in front of them are not directly related to gospel proclamation.</p> <p>Lastly, Synod acknowledges that the primary carriage of obedience to Christ’s Great Commission lies not with Commissions, Agencies or Synods but with local churches. So as members of the same, we rededicate ourselves in personal faith and obedience to the Lord Jesus for the varied parts we can play in evangelism and disciple-making.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>
<p>R80/18</p> <p>*</p>	<p>Viability of Regional Dioceses</p> <p>The Right Rev’d Dr Keith Joseph moving, The Right Rev’d Dr Greg Anderson seconding</p> <p>This General Synod</p> <p>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, safe ministry training and audit, redress and continued presence in regional and rural ministries.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wednesday 11 May 2022</p>
<p>R109/18</p>	<p>30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women</p> <p>The Right Rev’d Dr Keith Joseph moving, Justice Debra Mullins AO seconding</p> <p>That Synod notes that:</p> <p>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’;</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>bishops, 397 active priests, 171 active deacons, 66 whose position is not specified and 247 who are retired;</p> <p>and acknowledges the important contribution ordained women have made and continue to make to worship, ministry and leadership in the Anglican church.</p> <p>and notes further that this year will be a time for observance of this anniversary across the nation;</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>
PUBLIC AFFAIRS	
R54/18	<p>Jobseeker</p> <p>The Rev'd Prof Peter Sandeman moving, Dr Carolyn Tan seconding</p> <p>The General Synod –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 contributing factor behind 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. c) Redesign of the Jobactive System to encourage more effective participation in job search and training, and also to recognise better the legitimate contributions made by those receiving JobSeeker benefits who engage in formal volunteering or providing unpaid care. <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
R55/18 *	<p>Climate Change – Call to the Church</p> <p>Leave was granted by Synod to move the motion in an amended form.</p> <p>The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moving, The Ven Tiffany Sparks seconding</p> <p>That this Synod,</p> <p>A. Noting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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

	<p>member churches to work towards building climate resilience;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>B. Recognises that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation, and a fundamental injustice, which ultimately stems from rebellion against our Creator and his commands to humans regarding stewardship of his world.</p> <p>C. 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.</p> <p>D. Encourages consideration of the actions involving worship, mission, advocacy, and community participation commended to the Church in ACC 2017 Resolutions A17.05 and A17.06.</p> <p>E. Encourages the Diocese and Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia to work towards net zero carbon emissions by 2040, and to consider faster reductions where possible.</p> <p>F. Urges the Dioceses and Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, considered the most appropriate to their contexts. <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
R59/18	<p>Aged Care and Disability Care</p> <p>The Rt Rev'd Dr Peter Stuart moving; the Very Rev'd Katherine Bowyer seconding</p> <p>This General Synod in response to the findings of the Aged Care Royal Commission and in response to community concerns about the National Disability Insurance Scheme and in response to issues being raised in the Disability Royal Commission calls on the incoming Commonwealth Government to develop and communicate a strategic roadmap for improvement to Aged Care and Disability Care which implements the findings of the Aged Care and Disability Royal Commissions, enables providers of Aged Care and Disability Care to have long-term confidence about sufficient funding for the provision of services, and assures people receiving support of the integrity of these systems.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>

R60/18	<p>Federal Gambling Reform</p> <p>The Rev'd Dr Michael Bird moving, The Very Rev'd Sandy Grant seconding</p> <p>The General Synod notes that the Bible says "Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honours God" (Proverbs 14.31). Therefore it joins the Alliance for Gambling Reform in calling on the next federal Parliament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to ban all sports gambling advertising on TV, radio and online, (or at least before 10.00pm at night); - to complete legislative changes to ban the use of credit cards for gambling, including online, directly or through third party payment systems like digital wallets; - to expand the national consumer protection framework to regulate casinos and online gambling at a national level, for example by creating a national casino regulator and an online gambling ombudsman; - to ban donations from any gambling license holder, including Board or committee members of gambling license holders, or their peak bodies to political parties and candidates. <p>The General Synod requests the General Secretary to communicate the terms of the resolution to the national Leaders of all political parties represented in the federal Parliament before the imminent federal election, and to ensure that all members and senators of the newly convened Parliament are advised of the terms of this resolutions as soon as possible after the election is declared.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>
R62/18	<p>State and Territory Gambling Reform</p> <p>The Very Rev'd Sandy Grant moving, the Rev'd Dr Michael Bird seconding</p> <p>The General Synod notes that Australia has the world's worst rate of gambling losses per capita, with poker machines causing the significant majority of those losses, being home to less than half a percent of the world's population but with 20 percent of its pokies.</p> <p>The General Synod also notes that the Bible reminds rulers to "Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy" (Proverbs 31:9).</p> <p>Therefore, in light of the enormous losses on poker machines, General Synod urges all State and Territory parliaments, to consider urgently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - implementation of \$1 bet limits on all poker machines (recommended by Productivity Commission); - implementation of a cashless gaming smart card system (commended by the Bergin Inquiry); - more extensive compulsory shut down periods for all poker machines, for example between midnight and 10am, and; - as an immediate initial step, mandating that all future electronic gaming device technology (including the gaming devices themselves and any gambling card technology) be capable of implementing such measures. <p>The General Synod requests the General Secretary to communicate the terms of this resolution to the Premiers and Opposition Leaders of each State and Territory Parliament.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday 10 May 2022</p>

Climate Change – Call on Australian Governments

The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moving, The Right Rev'd Dr 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 Labor 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.
- G. That climate change is the most pressing security issue for the Pacific Island countries, communities and peoples, and the latest IPCC report confirms the urgency for global, national and local climate actions; and
- H. The Pacific Island countries are among the least responsible for global warming and biodiversity loss, and are amongst the world's most vulnerable, facing the severest consequences that will continue to worsen in years to come. The impacts of disasters such as cyclones and contaminated groundwater due to flood risk and sea level rise inundation, are already taking a toll on the Blue Pacific, coral reefs, and fish stocks and in the households of families who lack the means to move to safer ground.

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. recognises God's sovereign and good superintendence of his creation and acknowledges human responsibility for our stewardship of it;
3. trusts Jesus Christ as the ultimate reconciler of all things in creation, through his blood shed on the cross and looks with hope to his promised renewed creation;
4. nevertheless, 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 challenges caused by rising global temperatures, air pollution and loss of biodiversity which will be borne disproportionately by the poorest of the world's poor;
5. calls on the Australian Government, the community and all people of

	<p>faith, to support Pacific and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in their call for urgent reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) accepting that climate change is a pressing human security challenge;(ii) recognising the long-term activism of both Pacific national and Christian leaders on addressing climate change globally;(iii) requesting the largest emitters and contributors, including Australia, act immediately to meet the Paris global warming target; and(iv) providing financial support to assist affected Pacific and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to adapt and protect their lands, islands, lives and futures.(v) encouraging Australian 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 style="text-align: right;">Wednesday 11 May 2022</p>
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R88A/18

Religious Discrimination and Religious Freedom

The Rt Rev'd Dr Michael Stead moving, Dr Renae Barker seconding

General Synod

1. Expresses its disappointment that there is still no federal legislation prohibiting religious discrimination, and that it continues to be lawful to discriminate against people on the basis of their religious belief or activity in some States in Australia.
2. Calls on the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments to commit to their commitment to religious freedom as set out in international law including Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
3. Reaffirms General Synod Resolution 110/2010, and thereby calls on the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments to take all practical steps necessary to ensure that the following six freedoms are protected in Australia within the constraints of the civil and criminal law generally applicable and consistent with Australia's obligations under international law:
 - a. freedom to manifest a religion through religious observance and practice;
 - b. freedom to appoint people of faith to organisations run by faith communities;
 - c. freedom to teach and uphold moral standards within faith communities;
 - d. freedom of conscience to differentiate between right and wrong;
 - e. freedom to teach and propagate religion; and
 - f. freedom of a person to change their religion.
4. Affirms that no Anglican school seeks, or intends to seek, the right to expel students or otherwise disadvantage members of their school communities on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity, laments the harm caused both among our school communities and the wider community by the propagation of the suggestion to the contrary and confirms the ongoing commitment of Anglican Schools to the inclusion, pastoral care and support of all members of their school communities.
5. And therefore, calls upon the government formed after the next federal election to give priority to the passage of a national legislation prohibiting religious discrimination, and to do this in such a way that does not harm other people, including LGBTQI+ members of their school communities, or to polarise the wider community on these issues.
6. Requests the General Secretary to communicate this resolution to Federal, State and Territory Attorneys-General.

Thursday 12 May 2022

R99/18	<p>Coal-fired Power Stations</p> <p>Dr Laurie Scandrett moving, Dr David Phillips seconding</p> <p>This General Synod:</p> <p>a) notes that currently Australia has 24 coal-fired power stations but is not planning to design, construct or commission any new ones;</p> <p>b) expresses great concern and its abject dismay that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Philippines currently has 19 coal-fired power stations and is building 60 more, a total of 79; • South Korea currently has 58 coal-fired power stations and is building 26 more, a total of 84; • South Africa currently has 79 coal-fired power stations and is building 24 more, a total of 103; • Japan currently has 90 coal-fired power stations and is building 45 more, a total of 135; • Turkey currently has 56 coal-fired power stations and is building 93 more, a total of 149; • the European Union currently has 468 coal-fired power stations and is building 27 more, making a total of 495; • India currently has 589 coal-fired power stations and is building 446 more, a total of 1,035; and • China currently has 2,363 plants and is building 1,171 more, a total of 3,534; <p>c) calls upon each of the aforementioned countries or unions to immediately cease and desist the design, construction or commissioning any new coal-fired power stations; and</p> <p>d) requests the Standing Committee to consider how best to communicate in the strongest possible terms the above call to immediately cease and desist the design, construction or commissioning any new coal-fired power stations to the President (or equivalent) of each of the aforementioned countries or unions</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>
R103/18	<p>Ukraine</p> <p>The Rev'd Patrick Cole moving, Acting Justice Richard Refshauge seconding</p> <p>That General Synod</p> <p>a. deplors the clear and flagrant breach of international law by the Russian government invading Ukraine and also the crimes against humanity and war crimes that have been and are being allegedly committed there;</p> <p>b. condemns the actions of President Vladimir Putin of Russia in initiating and continuing the war against the democratically elected government of Ukraine and the slaughter and dispossession of the people of Ukraine;</p> <p>c. expresses its support and prayers for the people of Ukraine and the extraordinary suffering that they are experiencing in so many ways and assures them of the love and sympathy of this Church for them in their plight;</p>

	<p>d. calls upon our Christian brothers and sisters of the Russian Orthodox Church and Russian Protestant Churches to use their voices and influence to oppose the continued deaths, destruction, displacement and dispossession of the people, the homes and the country of their neighbour, Ukraine and their fellow Christians; and</p> <p>e. commends those priests and laity of the Russian Orthodox Church and Russian Protestant Churches who have called upon their Church leadership and the Russian state leadership to condemn and desist from this invasion and war.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>
R104/18	<p>Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility</p> <p>The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod moving, The Rev'd Professor Peter Sandeman seconding</p> <p>The General Synod</p> <p>a) supports raising the age of Criminal Responsibility from 10 to 14 years;</p> <p>b) asks the President to write conveying the resolution and support for it to the Federal Attorney-General and the Meeting of Attorneys-General.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>
R107/18	<p>Euthanasia</p> <p>Karin Sowada moving, Denise Cooper-Clarke seconding</p> <p>General Synod</p> <p>1. Reaffirms its principled opposition to euthanasia or physician assisted suicide as</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. a threat to the safety and well-being of the most vulnerable in our society; b. it overturns the ethics of medicine and healthcare; c. it undermines the need to provide adequate and appropriate palliative care to all Australians, irrespective of who they are or where they reside; d. it is opposed by all faiths that share the belief that life is sacred; and e. it undervalues the positive contribution vulnerable or terminally ill people may make in the lives of others. <p>2. Strongly opposes all existing or proposed legislation that imposes on faith-based organisations opposing euthanasia or physician assisted suicide, a legal obligation to facilitate, support or permit euthanasia or physician assisted suicide, as an assault on religious freedom.</p> <p>3. Commends Victoria and Western Australia for recognising institutional conscientious objection grounds, and permitting faith-based organisations to choose to neither facilitate nor support nor permit euthanasia or physician assisted suicide.</p> <p>4. Calls on the NSW Parliament to oppose the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 and if that is not possible, to amend Part 5, Division 2 of the Bill, to permit faith-based organisations who oppose euthanasia or physician assisted suicide, to refuse, on the grounds of institutional conscientious objection, to participate in, facilitate or permit euthanasia or assisted suicide in or at their premises or facilities or services in any way.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>

SAFE MINISTRY	
R43/18 *	<p>Directors of Professional Standards</p> <p>Mr Lachlan Bryant moving, Justice Debra Mullins AO seconding</p> <p>This General Synod:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
R46/18	<p>Safe Ministry - Child Safety Regulatory Environment</p> <p>Ms Audrey Mills moving, Ms Dianne Shay seconding</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. review the compliance, audit and reporting obligations of dioceses under the <i>Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017</i> 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 <i>Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017</i> 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 <i>Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017</i> 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. <p>The group will consist of the follow persons appointed by the Standing Committee in consultation with the Safe Ministry Commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>

SAFE MINISTRY (cont'd)	
R47/18	<p>Safe Ministry Priorities</p> <p>Ms Audrey Mills moving, Ms Dianne Shay seconding</p> <p>The General Synod requests the Safe Ministry Commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 19th General Synod as to the progress of the Church in the development and implementation of safe ministry policies and structures; e) to review <i>Faithfulness in Service</i>: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>and report to the Standing Committee with any proposed amendments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
R48/18	<p>Persons of Concern Video</p> <p>* The Right Rev'd Dr Greg Anderson moving, The Right Rev'd Dr Ian Coutts seconding</p> <p>The General Synod:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
R50/18	<p>Safe Ministry Resource – Providing pastoral support to people affected by sexual abuse</p> <p>* The Rev'd Prof Peter Sandeman moving, The Right Rev'd Greg Anderson seconding</p> <p>The General Synod:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) notes the endorsement of the <i>Providing pastoral support to people affected by sexual abuse: Guidance for clergy and church workers in the Anglican Church of Australia</i> 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. <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>

SAFE MINISTRY (cont'd)	
R51/18	<p>National Council of Churches – Safer Churches Conference</p> <p>The Right Rev'd Dr Ian Coutts moving, Ms Dianne Shay seconding</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
R52/18	<p>Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission – Guidelines</p> <p>Ms Audrey Mills moving, The Ven Arthur Copeman seconding</p> <p>This General Synod welcomes the <i>Guidelines to enhance the safety of all persons – especially children, young people and vulnerable adults – within the provinces of the Anglican Communion</i> 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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Monday 9 May 2022</p>
R88/18	<p>Issues arising from the Episcopal Standards Investigations Amendment Canon 2022</p> <p>Justice Debra Mullins AO moving, Dr Carolyn Tan seconding</p> <p>That the General Synod refers the issues raised by the Bill for the Episcopal Standards Investigations Amendment Canon 2022 that were not enacted by the General Synod back to the Standing Committee to undertake wider consultation with the Bishops, Diocesan Registrars and the Episcopal Standards Commission on the circumstances that may result in the Episcopal Standards Commission deciding not to investigate information or refraining from further investigation of the information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wednesday 11 May 2022</p>

STANDING COMMITTEE	
R73/18	<p>Thanks for Preparation of Bills for General Synod</p> <p>Mr Robert Wicks moving, the Rev'd Nigel Fortescue seconding</p> <p>The General Synod –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) recognises the significant amount of work involved in the preparation of bills for this General Synod session, and gives thanks for all those involved in this process, b) notes that a number of bills promoted to this session provide for amendments to be made to principal canons and, in some cases, the proposed amendments are complex, and c) requests, in relation to bills promoted to future sessions which provide for complex amendments to a principal canon, the Standing Committee prepare a version of the principal canon with the proposed amendments shown in marked form to assist General Synod members understand the effect of the amendments and more fully engage in the process of considering them. <p style="text-align: right;">Wednesday 11 May 2022</p>
R89/18	<p>Location of next General Synod</p> <p>Dr Laurie Scandrett moving, Mr Kimberly Smith seconding</p> <p>This General Synod requests the Standing Committee give serious consideration to holding the next General Synod at a suitable but economically priced location in a regional Diocese.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thursday 12 May 2022</p>
R93/18	<p>Accessible Online Synod</p> <p>The Ven Arthur Copeman moving, Mr Steve Lucas seconding</p> <p>That this Synod requests the Standing Committee to develop the reasonably required measures, including legislation, to enable greater accessible participation, including online and in-person attendance in meetings of the General Synod, particularly by persons unable to attend or participate physically in, such meetings by reasons such as disability, disease or illness, medical condition or injury and that any legislation required be presented to a special session of General Synod, held by video conference, at least one year before the next ordinary session of General Synod.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thursday 12 May 2022</p>
R102/18	<p>Statutory Assessment</p> <p>The Rev'd Gavin Poole moving, The Rev'd Simon Roberts seconding</p> <p>This General Synod</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - thanks the treasurer and staff for the clear and comprehensive financial reports in Book 3 and is grateful for the transparent and well managed accounts of the Anglican Church of Australia; and - requests Standing Committee to return to the practice of sending the budget to dioceses months prior to each General Synod, giving opportunity for comment and to include such feedback in the report to General Synod. <p style="text-align: right;">Friday 13 May 2022</p>