



Anglican Church of Australia

General Synod

RESOLUTIONS OF THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

Set out below are resolutions of the Nineteenth Session of the General Synod.

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The resolutions marked with an asterisk (*) are for consideration and action by dioceses.

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

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APPRECIATION	
R57/19	Safe Ministry Commission – Retiring Members Bishop Ian Coutts moving, Ms Dianne Shay seconding The General Synod expresses its sincere thanks to the retiring members of the Safe Ministry Commission for their faithful, diligent, and wise service in the complex and demanding areas of Child Safety and Professional Standards, and acknowledges with deep appreciation their significant contribution to strengthening the Church’s commitment to safe ministry across the nation. Tuesday 11 August 2026
R63/19	Appellate Tribunal Retirements Justice Debra Mullins moving, the Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel seconding General Synod: 1. notes that The Hon Justice Clyde Croft AM who was appointed to the Appellate Tribunal in 2014 retired as a Tribunal member at the commencement of this session of the Synod; 2. notes that The Hon Richard Refshauge AM who was appointed to the Appellate Tribunal in 2010 and subsequently appointed as the Deputy President retired as a Tribunal member at the commencement of this session of the Synod; 3. notes that The Right Rev’d Garry Weatherill who was appointed to the Appellate Tribunal in 2016 will cease to be a Tribunal member when he retires as Diocesan Bishop in October 2026; 4. records its thanks to these retiring members for their contributions to the work of the Tribunal and their willingness to use their skills, experience and wisdom in serving the Anglican Church of Australia as members of the Tribunal. Wednesday 12 August 2026
R82/19	Motion of Thanks – Dr Ian Gibson Ms Rachel Ellyard moving, Mr Eric Ross-Adjie seconding General Synod acknowledges and gives its deepest thanks to Dr Ian Gibson for his significant and ongoing service and contribution, as Chair of Committees and of the Church Law Commission, to the continued development and strengthening of the Church’s legal framework. Thursday 13 August 2026

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R83/19	150 Years of Mothers Union The Rev'd Dr Ruth Mathieson moving, The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves seconding General Synod gives thanks to God for the initiative of Mary Sumner and the ministry of Mothers Union across the Anglican Communion for the last 150 years. Following the presentation of the current president of the Mothers Union Australia, Dr Robin Ray, this General Synod thanks and encourages the Mothers Union Australia in living out their "vision of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships that demonstrate the Christian faith in action through care of families." (https://www.muaustralia.org.au) Thursday 13 August 2026
R101/19	Giving Thanks for Sustaining Rural Ministry The Rev'd Canon Tim Swan moving, Bishop Mark Calder seconding. General Synod, in light of the challenges of sustaining rural ministry and the unavailability of centralised support: 1. notes with appreciation the significant support given to rural parishes and dioceses by BCA, CMS, and various dioceses, parishes and individuals, that has sustained and expanded gospel ministry across various dioceses; 2. notes that Christians give generously to fund ministry when they are confident that the gospel of the Lord Jesus is being clearly and effectively proclaimed; 3. encourages the deepening of relationships and building of trust between struggling dioceses and those able to support them, that gospel ministry may grow across regional and rural Australia. Friday 14 August 2026
R106/19	Mr Doug Marr Dr Robert Tong AM moving, Dr Laurie Scandrett seconding General Synod notes that this will most likely be the last General Synod that Mr Doug Marr will attend as a representative of the Diocese of Sydney. Doug was first elected as a Sydney Diocesan Representative to the General Synod in 1987 and attended his first General Synod that same year, the 1987 Special Session held in the Chapter House in Sydney. He has attended 12 ordinary sessions and two special sessions of General Synod, a total of 14 sessions. General Synod gives great thanks to God and records its deep appreciation to Doug for his commitment to the national Church, with particular thanks for his many years of service to the Long Service Leave Board and the Audit Committee of the General Synod. Finally, this Synod wishes Doug God's richest blessing for the future. Friday 14 August 2026

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R107/19	Bishop Mark Calder The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel moving, The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves seconding General Synod notes that Bishop Mark Calder will retire as the Bishop of Bathurst in September this year and therefore records its deep appreciation for his faithful service to the Anglican Church of Australia, and especially for his ministry in the Diocese of Bathurst. Bishop Mark served in parish ministry in the Diocese of Sydney from 1988, in the parishes of Lalor Park and Kings Langley, North Sydney and Roseville. He was subsequently called to the Diocese of Brisbane, where he served as Rector of the Parish of Noosa for more than a decade. From 2014 to 2019 he also served as Area Dean of the Deanery of Sunshine Coast. Mark has been a member of the General Synod since 2017. In 2019 he was elected as the Bishop of the Diocese of Bathurst, where he has served faithfully as bishop, pastor and leader of a diverse rural and regional diocese. General Synod gives thanks for Bishop Mark's commitment to the ministry and mission of Christ's Church, and for the pastoral care, wisdom and leadership he has brought to his episcopal ministry. Synod also gives thanks for the support and partnership of his wife Susan, whose loving and faithful support has been a tremendous blessing to Mark throughout his ministry. General Synod offers its prayers and warmest good wishes to Bishop Mark and Susan as they enter this new season of life and ministry. Synod prays that God will richly bless them in retirement and in all that lies ahead, and that Mark's years of faithful service will continue to bear fruit for the glory of God and the building up of Christ's Church. Friday 14 August 2026
R108/19	Bishop Ian Coutts The Venerable Geoff Chadwick moving, Dr Renae Barker seconding General Synod notes that Bishop Ian Coutts is retiring in August as the Bishop of Bunbury, bringing to a close many years of faithful, ordained ministry in Australia and England. Synod gives thanks to God for his service and records its deep appreciation for the breadth and diversity of his ministry. Bishop Ian began his ordained ministry in the Diocese of Birmingham, serving as Curate of Hamstead St Bernard from 1989 to 1992. He then served for many years in the Diocese of Southwark, first as Vicar of Warlingham with Chelsham and Farleigh from 1992 to 1997, and subsequently in the same parish from 1997 to 2000. He continued to minister in England through permissions to officiate in the Diocese of Southwark from 2000 to 2003 and the Diocese of Oxford from 2003 to 2011. In 2011 he moved into ministry in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, receiving authority to officiate while continuing his postgraduate studies completing his PhD in 2015 on the subject of the Family from a Trinitarian theological perspective. He subsequently served in a number of roles which brought together theological education, ministry formation and practical

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	ministry. From 2013 to 2018 he served part-time as Anglicare Parish Partnerships Coordinator for Anglicare ACT, NSW West and South West. From 2014 to 2018 he was also Lecturer in Practical Theology and Ministry Formation Coordinator at St Mark's National Theological Centre. In 2018 Bishop Ian was elected as the 10th Bishop of Bunbury. Since then he has served the Diocese with distinction, while also contributing to the wider life of the Anglican Church of Australia as the Bunbury representative on the General Synod and on the Safe Church Commission. General Synod gives thanks for the breadth of Bishop Ian's ministry: for his service in parish ministry, his commitment to theological education and the formation of Christian leaders, his work alongside Anglicare, and his episcopal ministry in Bunbury. His background in social work has been a particular gift to the Church. Synod acknowledges the gifts and experience he has brought to the service of Christ and his Church. Synod expresses its gratitude for his contribution to the councils of the national Church and for the perspective gained through ministry in both England and Australia. General Synod offers Bishop Ian its prayers and warmest good wishes as he retires from episcopal ministry. Synod prays that God will richly bless him in this new season of life, giving thanks for the years in which he has served Christ and his people, and praying that he may know the Lord's continued guidance, joy and peace in the years ahead. Friday 14 August 2026
R109/19	Bishop Donald Kirk Dr Laurie Scandrett moving, Mrs Mandy Walsh seconding General Synod notes that this will be the last General Synod attended by the Right Reverend Donald Kirk as Bishop of the Diocese of Riverina, following his announcement of his forthcoming retirement at the end of August after seven years of faithful episcopal ministry to the people and communities of the Riverina. General Synod gives thanks to Almighty God for Bishop Donald's long and devoted ministry in the Anglican Church of Australia, including his ordained service in the Dioceses of Newcastle, Ballarat, Armidale and Grafton, and, since 2019, his ministry as the eleventh Bishop of Riverina. Synod records its deep appreciation for Bishop Donald's pastoral care, wise leadership, generous collegiality and steady witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, especially in serving a rural and regional diocese marked by great distances, resilient communities and distinctive challenges. Synod also acknowledges with gratitude Bishop Donald's contribution to the life and councils of the national Church through his participation in the General Synod, and gives thanks for the grace, humility and faithfulness through which he has undertaken that service. Finally, this Synod assures Bishop Donald and Mrs Camryn Kirk of its prayers and warm good wishes and prays that God will bless them richly in retirement and in all that lies ahead. Friday 14 August 2026
R110/19	Bishop Chris McLeod The Rev'd Cameron Burr moving, Bishop Matt Brain seconding

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	General Synod acknowledges and give thanks for the ministry, support, and leadership that Bishop Chris McLeod has provided both to NATSIAC and the Anglican Church of Australia during his eleven years serving as the National Aboriginal Bishop. Friday 14 August 2026
R111/19	Bishop Garry Weatherill Bishop Michael Stead moving, The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO seconding General Synod notes that Bishop Garry Weatherill will retire as the Bishop of Ballarat in October this year and therefore this is his last session of the General Synod. Synod thanks God for, and records its deep appreciation for, Bishop Garry's extensive service to the life of the Anglican Church of Australia and beyond. Bishop Garry was ordained in Adelaide in 1986 and served in the parishes of Brighton, St Peter's Cathedral, St Bede's Semaphore and St Paul's Port Adelaide. He was elected as a member of General Synod in 1995, representing the Diocese of Adelaide. In 1997, he moved to the Diocese of Willochra to serve as the Ministry Development Office. After serving as Archdeacon of Willochra, then the Administrator of the Diocese, he was elected as the Bishop of Willochra in 2000. In 2011, he was elected as the Bishop of Ballarat. In a quarter of a century of episcopal ministry, Bishop Garry has not only served with distinction in two dioceses, but has also served in a range of national roles, including: • Chair of Mission to Seafarers (2004-2011) • Co-chair of the Anglican / Lutheran Dialogue (2002-2011) • Episcopal Advisor (Australia) to the Oratory of the Good Shepherd (since 2014) • Bishop Protector for the Third Order of Society of St Francis (since 2014) • Warden of The Community of the Holy Name, Cheltenham 2012-2021 • Visitor to the Society of the Sacred Mission 2007-2012 • Visitor the Community of St Barnabas and St Cecilia 2001-2011 • Chair, Advisory Council for Anglican Religious Life in Australia (since 2012) • Chair, Liturgy Commission of General Synod (2015-2022) • An Episcopal Member of the Appellate Tribunal (since 2017) Bishop Garry has also made a long and significant contribution to the work of the Anglican Board of Mission. He commenced as a Board Member in 2006, and was a Director from 2011 to 2022, also serving as Chair from 2015 to 2020. Since 2014, Bishop Garry has served on the General Synod Standing Committee and its Executive Committee. He has served on innumerable sub-committees and task forces with commitment and grace. Bishop Garry has demonstrated a commitment above and beyond the call of duty, not letting ill-health or limited mobility prevent him from serving. Garry has often spoken words of wisdom from his years of experience at just the right moment, that have altered the course of debate and helpfully resolved an apparently intractable impasse, always with good humour and courtesy.

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	Bishop Garry has the courage to present contrary positions but also with wisdom, principle, deep thoughtfulness and care for the church. He is respectful of the principles and theological positions of other. He has a thoughtful and reflective understanding of the episcopal vocation. General Synod offers its prayers and best wishes to Garry on his retirement as Bishop as Ballarat, and prays for God's riches blessing on his continued service of the Lord in his retirement. Friday 14 August 2026
R112/19	Dr Robert Tong AM Dr Laurie Scandrett moving, The Hon Justice Debra Mullins AO seconding General Synod, noting that this is likely to be the last session of the General Synod he will attend as a member, gives great thanks to God and records its deep appreciation for the outstanding service of Dr Robert Tong AM to the Anglican Church of Australia and the wider Anglican Communion. Dr Tong was first elected as a Sydney Diocesan Representative to the General Synod in 1979 and attended his first General Synod in 1981. He has attended 14 ordinary sessions and two special sessions of General Synod, a total of 16 sessions. General Synod acknowledges Robert's deep personal commitment to Christ, his tireless commitment to the ministry and mission of Christ's Church, his dedication to fostering unity and understanding, and his leadership in church governance. Robert has always brought a gospel priority to the issues before him and has encouraged us all to keep Christ front and centre. His knowledge and love of God's word have enabled him to give sage advice when the way forward has not always been as clear to those around him. General Synod particularly gives thanks for Robert's strategic mind, theological wisdom, an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of church law, and the personal example of faith and integrity he has provided throughout his years of service. Robert's <i>"A Member's Guide for General Synod"</i> has been the handbook many members of the Synod have used to understand the processes and how to participate in what we do. General Synod also acknowledges with great thanks the many roles that Robert has served the Anglican Church of Australia, including as: • a member of the General Synod Standing Committee since 1985; • a member of the Church Law Commission (formerly the Canon Law Commission) since 1994; • a member of the Panel of Electors of the Primate since 2010; • a lay representative on the Anglican Consultative Council 1995-2002; • a member of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Panel of Reference 2005-2008; and • for some time, the Chancellor of the Diocese of The Murray. In 2010 Robert was most deservedly awarded an AM <i>"for service to the Anglican Church of Australia through a range of diocesan and national executive and administrative roles, and to the law as a practitioner and as an academic"</i>. In all this Robert has been supported by his loving wife, Winsome, and their children Andrew, Peter, James, Michael, Stephen and Sylvia and their families. General Synod gives special appreciation to Winsome and especially acknowledges the generous partnership between the two of

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	them that has allowed Robert to be away so often and involved so much in the affairs of the national Church. General Synod offers its prayers and best wishes to Robert in his retirement from General Synod, trusting that his example of lay ministry will continue to inspire others to use their gifts and professions to serve God in the years to come. May God raise up many more lay people to follow his example. Friday 14 August 2026
DEFENCE FORCE MINISTRY	
R66/19 *	Defence Force Board The Ven Andrew Nixon moving, The Rev'd Catherine Wynn-Jones seconding 1. That General Synod thank God for the privileged position and blessed opportunity to still have Christian chaplains living among and ministering to our Defence Force personnel in the increasingly difficult climate of growing secularism and pluralism. 2. That General Synod commends the work of Anglican Chaplains in the Australian Defence Force, particularly noting we are in the most dangerous security environment since WWII, and calls on: • all members of the ACA to pray for peace, and • all clergy and suitably qualified lay members of the ACA to prayerfully consider Defence Chaplaincy as primary or additional ministry. 3. That General Synod 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 encourages each diocese to financially support Defence Chaplaincy by collecting a congregational donation each year on Defence Sunday (the Sunday before Remembrance Day). Wednesday 12 August 2026
R67/19	Veterans' Chaplaincy The Ven Andrew Nixon moving, The Rev'd Caitlin Orr seconding 1. General Synod acknowledges the final report of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide and commends the tireless work of the commissioners, Nick Kaldas APM (Chair), The Hon. James Douglas KC and Dr Peggy Brown AO in listening compassionately to serving members, veterans and families, presenting their findings and making 122 recommendations for action, including Recommendation 78: Prevent, minimise and treat moral injury. 2. Synod recognises the magnitude of the task ahead noting: the ongoing investigation of the Office of the Special Investigator and the commencement of criminal proceedings for alleged war crimes; the rapid development in recognition of the prevalence and impact of moral injury in the veteran community; the persistence of PTSD, psychological distress, mental illness and associated difficulties including substance abuse, relationship breakdown and homelessness; the long term debilitating effects of physical injury and pain management; and the immediate and intergenerational impact of service on the families of veterans.

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	3. The Synod welcomes the extension of funding for the Veterans' Chaplaincy Program pilot in the Department of Veterans' Affairs for a further two years until 30 June 2028, noting the spiritual dimension of moral injury and the particular aim of this program to "develop, upskill and support community-based faith leaders to deliver this support to veterans and their families". It calls on Anglican Churches and welfare agencies to pray that this Government might commit to extend this program nationally and prayerfully consider how they might be upskilled. 4. The Synod acknowledges and thanks the outgoing Primate, the Most Reverend Geoff Smith, for his unwavering support of the work of veterans' chaplaincy and the collation of an additional non-stipended archdeacon to champion ministry to veterans and families and be a point of contact between the ADF, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Church in response to the resolution of this Synod on 11 May 2022. Wednesday 12 August 2026
DOCTRINE	
R81/19	Doctrine Commission resources The Rev'd David McLennan moving, the Rev'd Canon Dr Rhys Bezzant seconding General Synod requests Standing Committee to give consideration to the creation of a single online repository for reports of the Doctrine Commission produced since its inception, and future reports as these become available. Thursday 13 August 2026
R97/19 ✱	Salvation Exclusively in Jesus The Rev Canon Dr Mark Thompson moving, The Rev Natalie Rosner seconding General Synod affirms the biblical and apostolic conviction that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of all who will come to him. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to humankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Article 18 also states that it is a mistake to say people shall be saved by diligent observance of the law or religion they profess, "For Holy Scripture doth set out to us only the Name of Jesus Christ, whereby men (sic) must be saved". Therefore, in this era of confusion and doubt in which we live, we encourage every member of the Anglican Church of Australia to bear faithful witness to Jesus Christ in word and deed, sharing with humility and love the good news of salvation in him alone, and inviting all people to come to him in faith and so discover real hope and new life. Thursday 13 August 2026

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FAMILIES AND CULTURE	
R60/19 *	Strengthening the Church's Response to Domestic and Family Violence Bishop Genieve Blackwell moving, The Venerable Kara Hartley seconding The General Synod, noting the report of the Families and Culture Commission: a) commends the work of the Families and Culture Commission in resourcing and supporting dioceses in responding to and preventing domestic and family violence, and in their implementation of the Ten Commitments; b) laments the continuing presence of domestic and family violence in our churches and in the community, recognising the profound trauma it causes to individuals, families, and communities, and c) encourages all dioceses, where this work is not yet in place, to establish a domestic and family violence working group and action plan, and to engage with the key initiatives led by the Families and Culture Commission to prevent domestic and family violence. Tuesday 11 August 2026
FINANCE	
R51/19	General Synod Finance – Reports Ms Gillian Harrex moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding That the Treasurer's report on the financial position of the General Synod at 31 December 2025 be received. Tuesday 11 August 2026
R52/19	That the audited financial statements of the General Synod for the year ended 31 December 2025, as adopted by Standing Committee, be received. Tuesday 11 August 2026
R53/19	That the General Synod budget for the year ended 31 December 2026, as approved by Standing Committee, be received. Tuesday 11 August 2026
R70/19 *	Diocesan Financial Self-Assessment Archdeacon Arthur Copeman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding <u>Part A</u> That this General Synod: a. receives the report of Standing Committee on steps taken in response to the General Synod resolution GS80/18 (Viability of Regional Dioceses) b. notes that the recent consultation with individual dioceses has shown that the Standing Committee has been unable to find new or improved mechanisms to address these issues at a national level that would be broadly supported

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	c. notes that one of the few existing mechanisms to assist a Diocese experiencing financial difficulties is found in the Missionary Dioceses Canon 1997, which allows a Diocese to apply to the Standing Committee to be declared a Provisional Missionary Diocese and be exempt from paying fixed assessments to General Synod for a period of no more than 3 years, subject to the satisfaction of certain financial requirements d. recommends that where a vacancy in the See occurs, a Diocese does not proceed with the election or appointment of a new Bishop unless and until a financial self-assessment has been prepared that provides a comprehensive and realistic appraisal of its financial position over the next five years, including an estimate of the liabilities that are reasonably likely to arise from Redress claims and civil claims, and that demonstrates whether the Diocese has the capacity to fund the remuneration and associated costs of the Bishop for at least the next 5 years without the need to sell church property assets, and allowing for the discharge of all of its Redress and other civil liabilities e. recommends that the above-mentioned requirement be included in the legislation of each Diocese that regulates the appointment of a new Bishop f. recommends Dioceses as soon as they become aware that they are likely to cease being viable within the next 5 years, to initiate a process either to return the Diocese to viability (in consultation with the Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force or otherwise), to appoint a financial administrator, to seek to amalgamate with another Diocese or to wind up the Diocese <u>PART B</u> That this General Synod: a. Recognises that at this time it has not been established that the Constitution prevents a Bishop of a Diocese being elected as the Bishop of another diocese. b. Recognises that circumstances may arise where a Diocese is not able to carry out some functions because of the lack of a Bishop. c. Recognises the desirability that those in episcopal orders in the National Church be able to assist and support a diocese without a bishop by functioning as a Provisional Diocesan Bishop as an interim appointment. d. Encourages Diocesan councils to consider what they may be able to put in place to enable their administrator to perform all the functions of a Diocesan bishop pending the election of the next Diocesan bishop. e. Asks Standing Committee to examine all the issues raised by this decision and either to propose legislation to the next meeting of General Synod or to circulate to dioceses legislative options that could be adopted at a diocesan level. Wednesday 12 August 2026

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R72/19	General Synod Expenditure in Future Years Archdeacon Stephen Carnaby moving, the Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel seconding That this General Synod: 1. notes the uncertainty around the ability of dioceses to continue to fund increases in the statutory assessment in the next 4 years given the issues of viability and redress 2. requests a review by the new Standing Committee of possible future budgetary options to prepare for this uncertainty. Thursday 13 August 2026
R79/19	Thanks for Financial Presentation Mr Doug Marr moving, Mr James Flavin seconding General Synod: 1. thanks the Hon Treasurer, GSO staff and others involved in the financial presentation made on 11 August 2026; 2. values the information provided; 3. asks for a similar presentation to be made on the first day of future General Synods so all matters discussed at future General Synods can be in the context of the best known financial situation. Thursday 13 August 2026
R100/19	Various Financial Matters Mr James Flavin moving, The Rev'd David Ould seconding General Synod asks the Standing Committee to consider capping the growth in expenditure using the average weekly earnings (AWE) percentage rather than a percentage based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
FIRST NATIONS ISSUES	
R38/19	NATSIAC – Domestic Violence Bishop Matt Brain moving, the Rev'd Canon Di Langham seconding This Synod: a) notes the NATSIAC resolution made at the most recent gathering, that: “NATSIAC recognises the devastating impact of Domestic and Family Violence in our society and the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait families among those who suffer. We acknowledge the ongoing legacy of colonisation and the harmful government policies such as the forced removal of children, which have caused inter-generational trauma and long-term negative outcomes. As Commitment 5 of the Ten Commitments to prevent and respond to DFV in the Anglican Church of Australia, vulnerability to violence is heightened by compounding factors such as gender, race, class, age, colour and ability. Women face a disproportionate risks of homelessness linked to gendered drivers such as violence, poverty, and housing insecurity are further compounding factors.

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	These realities are embedded not only in a broader society but also within our churches, institutions and structures. NATSIAC values its partnership with the Families and Culture Commission in resource development and urges the General Synod to continue to support this work. We call on General Synod to ensure ongoing funding for the development of resources, to prioritise culturally appropriate resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, to strengthen training for clergy and lay leaders, and to promote collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in our churches. By continuing this shared work, we pray for tangible, positive change so that all members of church communities can enjoy safety, respect and equality.” b) notes that the Public Affairs Commission supports the NATSIAC motion regarding the prevention of domestic violence. Monday 10 August 2026
R88/19	NATSIAC – Raise the Age Bishop Matt Brain moving, Bishop Chris McLeod seconding This Synod: a) notes the NATSIAC resolution made in October 2025 at the most recent gathering, that: “The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council, requests an urgent call to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 14. Our children are being treated not as children but as criminals. We share a deep grief and righteous anger with our community elders and people of faith who witness the torture of our children in prisons. The incarceration of children is contrary to the Gospel of Christ. Matthew 19:14 states “let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” We call on the churches to embody the justice of God. We cannot claim reconciliation while remaining silent as a church and imprison our children. The current system is racist, criminalizing First Nations children and ignoring intergenerational trauma. Australia’s practice of imprisoning 10-year-olds is condemned for breaking international law and the Mandela Rules for prisoner treatment. Communities are left without resources, with prison being the only response offered.” The General Synod is called upon to: i) publicly support the national ‘Raise the Age’ campaign ii) commit to tell the truth about the harm done to children and to walk with First Nations communities in healing and prevention iii) advocate for strengthening alternatives to prison, such as Koori Courts, and resourcing family support organizations.” b) notes that the Public Affairs Commission supports the NATSIAC motion regarding the age of criminal responsibility. c) respectfully asks the Primate to act upon NATSIAC’s call to General Synod set out in a) above. Thursday 13 August 2026
R90/19	NATSIAC – Climate Change The Very Rev’d Dr Peter Catt moving, Dr Rose Elu seconding

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	This Synod: a) notes the NATSIAC resolution made at the most recent gathering in October 2025, that: “First Nations communities are leading action to keep towns, neighbours, and kids safe from unnatural disasters, but they shouldn’t have to do this alone. Big polluters burning coal, oil and gas are heating our planet causing more frequent and destructive heatwaves, storms, floods, fires and sea level rise. Our communities are contributing the least to the problem but we are on the frontlines. A small handful of corporations are raking in record profits for polluting our climate and fight against action to solve climate change. They plan massive news projects making the problem ever worse. This is our last chance to get it right. The science says that this will be the last decade we have to drastically change paths or we face tipping points which would put all of earth and humanity in danger. We call upon the Federal Government to: 1. Stop approving new coal and gas projects; 2. Set targets that keep warming below 1.5°C below preindustrial levels; 3. Stand up to the fossil fuel lobby, stop using public money to prop up polluting projects, and make big polluters pay for damage they have caused; 4. Support community-led efforts to prevent damage from climate disasters and help people recover; and 5. Trust and learn from local leaders and Traditional Owners who know how to care for their land and water. We call upon the Anglican Church of Australia through General Synod to: 1. Share our hurt at the effect of climate change for, ‘...when one part of the body weeps, the whole body weeps.’ (1 Cor 12:26) 2. Share our advocacy at local, state, and federal levels of government; and 3. Change such activities as is possible so that temperatures do not rise. If communities are enabled to work together to limit climate change we can recover and rebuild with your help.” b) notes that the Public Affairs Commission supports the NATSIAC motion regarding climate change. Thursday 13 August 2026

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R99/19	Ministry to and by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Bishop Keith Joseph moving, Bishop Chris McLeod seconding This General Synod: 1. notes a. the significance of ministry to and by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the life and health of the Anglican Church of Australia b. that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are disproportionately located in less resourced remote and regional Dioceses; and 2. asks the Standing Committee to recommend to all the dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia that they work together (with agencies including ABM, CMS and BCA) to strengthen existing work and find new ways to provide financial and other support for ministry in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities so that the burden of this ministry does not have to be borne by remote and regional dioceses. Friday 14 August 2026
LITURGY	
R61/19	Liturgy Commission - Australia Day Readings The Very Rev'd Richard Humphrey moving, The Rev'd Canon Di Langham seconding General Synod requests NATSIAC and the Liturgy Commission in conversation to prepare liturgical and lectionary resources alternative to those in APBA for Australia Day and related occasions. Wednesday 12 August 2026
R96/19 *	Liturgy Commission - Response from the Liturgy Commission to the 2025 Assisi Seminar on the possibility of a Feast of God the Creator The Very Rev'd Christopher Chataway moving, The Very Rev'd Richard Humphrey seconding General Synod, in the light of the Fifth Mark of Mission, to "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth," and in the light of the Anglican Consultative Council resolution of July 2026: 1. Notes the biblical, theological and liturgical work being done internationally and ecumenically on care for creation, including the exploration of a possible addition to the church's Calendar of a Feast of Creation in Christ; 2. Encourages dioceses to consider local observance of a Day of Prayer for Creation and / or a Feast of Creation in Christ on 1 September each year; and 3. Requests the Liturgy Commission, in consultation with NATSIAC, the Doctrine Commission, and the Public Affairs Commission, to develop and promote resources for a theologically wholesome, culturally adapted, and liturgically rich Day of Prayer for Creation and / or a Feast of Creation in Christ in the Anglican Church of Australia. Thursday 13 August 2026

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MISSION AND MINISTRY	
R47/19	Mission and Ministry Commission Project – Hope25 Bishop Richard Condie moving, Archdeacon Kate Beer seconding That the General Synod: 1. Celebrate and give thanks to Almighty God for Hope25 and pray for ongoing Gospel fruit from all that has been undertaken. 2. Maintain evangelism as a strategic priority for the national church and provide resources for its prioritisation. Monday 10 August 2026
R40/19 *	Mission to Seafarers Bishop Jeremy James moving, Bishop Darrell Parker seconding That this Synod: 1. Receive the report of the Mission to Seafarers Australia Council 2. Encourage all dioceses to observe Sea Sunday annually 3. Call upon the Federal and State Politicians to fulfil their obligations under the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 by funding shore-based seafarer welfare services 4. Request the Primate to convey this resolution to the Prime Minister, Federal Transport Minister, and relevant Shadow Ministers Monday 10 August 2026
R75/19	The publication of A True and Lively Faith The Rev'd Professor Mark Lindsay moving, The Rev'd Nigel Fortescue seconding General Synod: 1. notes the publication of A True and Lively Faith: Contested Issues in Australian Anglicanism, Volume One as an invitation into a 'particular way of being the church'; 2. congratulates the editor, Bishop Stephen Pickard, and the contributors; 3. notes the intention for there to be a second volume, and so encourages the editors to include within that publication contributions from across the breadth of Australian Anglicanism; and 4. encourages generous and respectful engagement with this and other written materials on the nature and future of Anglicanism in Australia. Thursday 13 August 2026

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R76/19 *	Establishment of the Australian Anglican Chaplains Network Mr James Flavin moving, Dr Karin Sowada seconding General Synod: 1. requests the Standing Committee to facilitate the formation of a General Synod Network to be known as the Australian Anglican Chaplains Network pursuant to the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Canon 1998; 2. determines that the purposes of the Network are: a) to foster fellowship and collaboration among Anglican chaplains serving throughout Australia; b) to promote excellence in Anglican chaplaincy across all recognised ministries, including but not limited to hospitals, prisons, schools, universities, emergency services, aged care, racing, sport, industry, airports, ports, welfare agencies, and other community ministries; c) to encourage the exchange of information, research, training resources and examples of best practice; d) to facilitate cooperation between dioceses, commissions, agencies and chaplaincy organisations; e) to identify emerging issues affecting Anglican chaplaincy and communicate those matters to the Standing Committee of General Synod; f) to encourage the planting and development of Anglican chaplaincies where opportunities arise; g) to support theological reflection on chaplaincy within the ministry of the Anglican Church of Australia. 3. requests the Standing Committee to appoint an initial Convenor following consultation with dioceses and recognised Anglican chaplaincy organisations. 4. encourages every diocese to nominate representatives engaged in chaplaincy ministries to participate in the Network. Thursday 13 August 2026
R86/19	Vision36 Report on Church Planting and Revitalisation The Most Reverend Ric Thorpe moving, Bishop Peter Stuart seconding That this General Synod: 1. Welcomes the agreement by the Anglican Consultative Council to the Vision36 report on church planting and revitalisation. 2. Is encouraged to know that evangelism, discipleship and church planting are priorities of the Anglican Communion. 3. Encourages Dioceses to find out further information about Vision36 and apply the principles locally. 4. Prays that Vision36 will see Anglican Churches across the globe being more focused on evangelism, discipleship and church planting.

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	5. Recommends to the incoming Standing Committee that it establish Vision36 as a Strategic Issue of this Church under the oversight of the Mission and Ministry Commission. 6. Recommends that the Standing Committee uses the learning from, and resources developed for Hope25 to stimulate evangelism in the national church in the lead up to 2036. Thursday 13 August 2026
R87/19 *	Wellbeing Policy for Professional Development, Professional Supervision and Ministry in the Anglican Church of Australia Archdeacon Kate Beer moving, Archdeacon Arthur Copeman seconding This General Synod: 1. Notes that General Synod 18 endorsed the Ministry Wellbeing and Development: Policy, Guidelines and Resources document presented to the Synod by the Standing Committee. 2. Requests the Standing Committee continue to monitor the implementation of the Wellbeing Policy and report back to the next meeting of the General Synod (GS20) with proposals to assist in developing: a. A framework that embeds the expectation of accountability for adherence to the Wellbeing Policy across the national church. b. Mechanisms for assessing a cleric's accountable practice in relation to wellbeing measures prior to a new appointment or renewal of ministry licence, including when transferring to another diocese. 3. In developing such proposals, the Standing Committee shall have particular regard to avoiding, so far as possible, the imposition of new administrative, reporting, time, financial or other burdens on clergy. 4. Encourages every Diocese to give consideration as to how the application of the Wellbeing Policy should apply in their context to non-stipendiary clergy and church workers. 5. Encourages those responsible in each Diocese for ministry development and wellbeing to be active in networking and sharing resources across the Australian Church. Thursday 13 August 2026
R98/19	Minimum Requirements for Ordination Bishop Michael Stead moving, Dr Michael Tong seconding General Synod, recognising the urgent need for an increasing number of well-prepared, biblically literate and theologically astute candidates for ordination, encourages the Ministry & Mission Commission to continue its work on Minimum Requirements for Ordination and publish its guidelines as soon as possible. It further expresses its desire that the aspirations published in the draft guidelines of one year's full-time study for the diaconate and of an approved theological degree for the priesthood (or a course of studies as approved by the Bishop for either) be at least retained, if not strengthened. Friday 14 August 2026

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R102/19 *	Metropolitan Support for Regional and Rural Dioceses Bishop Keith Joseph moving, Bishop Donald Kirk seconding This General Synod recognising the financial stress and administrative strain placed on regional and rural dioceses due to the legacy of historic sexual abuse claims, the higher costs associated with the provision of ministry in regional and remote locations and the smaller asset base of most regional and rural dioceses: 1. requests that the Metropolitan Dioceses take on greater responsibility, in conjunction with agencies including ABM, CMS and BCA, for supporting ministry within each Province and 2. requests that the General Synod Standing Committee coordinate with the Metropolitan Dioceses and the Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force to put together a plan to enable the continued ministry of the Anglican Church of Australia in regional and rural areas where that is not able to be provided by a regional or rural diocese. Friday 14 August 2026
PUBLIC AFFAIRS	
R44/19	Public Affairs Commission – Recognition of Anglican Church of Australia Bishop Matt Brain moving, the Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt seconding That this Synod: 1. noted the standing references to the PAC from General Synod, The General Synod Standing Committee, and the Primate relating to matters concerning the formal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Ministry in the Anglican Church of Australia, 2. noted that the bills under consideration by this synod relating to the position and function of episcopal ministry for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, and the budgetary preparations enabling adequate funding to enable this ministry, flow from the long consultation between the PAC and NATSIAC in direct fulfilment of these references. Monday 10 August 2026
R48/19	Public Affairs Commission – Creation Care The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moving, Bishop Matt Brain seconding We, the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, are reminded that The General Synod has assented to more than twenty resolutions, and enacted a Canon, on environmental matters. The resolutions state: a) the church's belief that God is the creator of the physical universe and everything in it, and b) that God has called people to care for and steward the creation. These resolutions have addressed topics concerning the state of Australia's natural physical environment including its climate, biodiversity, and land. The resolutions also note that not all is well with God's creation because people have misused it in an unsustainable manner.

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	Therefore, the resolutions, taken as a whole, encourage the church, including its organisations, dioceses, parishes, and individuals to look after, and care for creation. Caring for creation is seen as both a practical response to environmental damage and an expression of love for neighbour, particularly present-day orphans and widows and the generations yet unborn. Caring might involve advocacy, using resources wisely and sustainably, measuring the energy use of buildings, and divestment from investments that damage creation. We are asked to pray about the creation and to incorporate creation care in our worship. These resolutions are a public statement that the church cares for God's creation because we are made in God's image to steward what God has given. We are to use the creation and its resources sustainably and in a manner that does not harm our neighbours. We resolve once more not to be forgetful of the decisions made in prior sessions of General Synod which call us to this continued activity. We ask the Public Affairs Committee to make such resolutions readily available to aid memory, and spur action as we seek to care for creation. Tuesday 11 August 2026
R49/19	Federal Gambling Reform The Very Rev'd Sandy Grant moving, The Rev Dr Raj Gupta seconding General Synod: 1. out of love for our neighbours, again calls on the Parliament of Australia to enact comprehensive online gambling harm minimisation reforms which implement fully the recommendations of the report of the parliamentary inquiry chaired by the late member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy, entitled "You Win Some, You Lose More"; specifically: a) the banning of gambling inducements, b) the full phase in of a comprehensive gambling advertising ban, c) the closure of streaming and live sport advertising loopholes, d) introduction of harm prevention measures like deposit limits and affordability checks, and e) the creation of an independent national gambling regulator. 2. requests the Primate to write to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition informing them of this resolution and encourages individual members of Synod to inform their own federal MP of General Synod's view, with whatever personal advocacy they wish to add for the welfare and public health of our nation's young people and other vulnerable persons. Tuesday 11 August 2026

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R74/19 *	Public Affairs Commission – Anglican Communion Forest Bishop Matt Brain moving, the Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt seconding That this Synod notes: 1. The independent and evidence-based 2021 State of the Environment report concluded that the state of Australia's natural environment is poor and deteriorating from multiple pressures resulting in many threatened species and ecosystems. 2. That in its Protection of the Environment Canon 2007 the Anglican Church of Australia acknowledges God's sovereignty over creation through the Lord Jesus Christ and that caring for the environment is part of the role of dioceses, agencies, and their people. 3. The Anglican Communion's fifth mark of mission is to '... strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. 4. The Anglican Communion Forest is a worldwide, practical, spiritual, and symbolic response to our current environmental and biodiversity crises and is an act of Christian hope for God's creation including humanity. This Synod therefore: 1. Laments the damage already inflicted on God's creation here in Australia. 2. Understands that we are to be God's representatives in this physical world by taking care of creation and working with Christ in the renewing of all things. 3. Supports the work of Australia's environmental and conservation agencies as they seek to care for Australia's natural areas and plant and animal communities 4. Encourages Dioceses and Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia to embrace the Anglican Communion Forest as a sign of healing and redemption of the physical world. 5. Endorses the creation and care for natural areas, large or small, in dioceses which reflect the beauty of God's natural world here in Australia. Thursday 13 August 2026

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R77/19	Antisemitism and Social Cohesion The Very Rev'd Sandy Grant moving, Rev'd Dr Chris Porter seconding General Synod, affirming that the Jewish people have been entrusted with the ancient wisdom and oracles of our God: 1. mourns the tragic events at Bondi in December 2025 and the distressing rise of antisemitism in our nation; 2. prays for the Bondi community and the Jewish people of our nation; 3. welcomes the establishment of the Royal Commission into Antisemitism and Social Cohesion and prays for the work of its Commissioner, the Honourable Virginia Bell AC SC, and commission staff; and 4. pledges that our churches, schools, and agencies will play our part in combating antisemitism and all forms of racism, and in promoting social cohesion among our diverse nation. Thursday 13 August 2026
R78/19 *	Inclusion of those with Neurodiversity and Invisible Disabilities Dr Renae Barker moving, the Rev'd David Ould seconding General Synod: 1. affirms that all people are created in the image of God and that experiences of disability do not negate this essential truth; 2. affirms that the experience of neurodivergence and invisible disability is no bar to the God-given dignity of those individuals, nor of the Spirit's work in giving a variety of gifts including those particular to that experience; 3. calls upon dioceses, parishes, schools and agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia embrace and affirm the gifts of neurodiverse people, recognise the particular challenges they may face and to actively work to remove barriers to the full participation of neurodivergent people in every aspect of the life of the Church, including worship, ministry, governance and leadership; 4. noting the example set by the Archbishop of Canterbury in talking about her own dyslexia, encourages clergy and lay leaders who are comfortable doing so to speak openly about their lived experience of neurodiversity and invisible disability, helping people to better understand disability and neurodiversity within the life and leadership of the Church; and 5. commends to the Anglican Church of Australia the following (not exhaustive) list of resources and respectfully asks the Primate to communicate such commendation to the wider church: a) The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program (https://hdsunflower.com) b) An Extraordinary Normal: Faith, Family and Neurodiversity (https://substack.com/@anextraordinarynormal) c) Autism and the Church: Bible Theology, and Community. Grant Macaskill https://www.baylorpress.com/9781481311250/autism-and-the-church/)

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	d) Unwin, K., & van Ommen, A. L. (2024). Autistic and Non-Autistic Experience of the Sensory Aspects of the Church Service. <i>Journal of Psychology and Theology</i>, 52(4), 410–425. (https://doi.org/10.1177/00916471241266810) Thursday 13 August 2026
R80/19 *	Protection of the Environment Canon 2007 The Hon Richard Refshauge AM moving, Bishop Matt Brain seconding General Synod: 1. notes: a) the strong support of General Synod for the 5th mark of mission for the care of creation; and b) only 14 of the 23 Diocese of this Church submitted a report under the Protection of the Environment Canon 2007 to this Synod; and 2. strongly urges: a) all those Dioceses who have not adopted the Protection of the Environment Canon 2007 to adopt that Canon and to accept the obligation under that Canon to report progress in reducing their environment footprint and; b) those Diocese who have adopted the Canon but not submitted a report, as by the adoption of the Canon they have undertaken to each session of the Synod, to do so for the next General Synod and thereafter. Thursday 13 August 2026
R103/19	ABM's work in the Middle East Mr Howard Benson moving, Dr Dianne Rayson seconding With reference to the ABM report on page 103 of the Reports to Synod Book 4, General Synod: 1. notes the impact the conflict in the Middle East is having on the ministry of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, especially the Al Ahli Hospital and the field clinic at Khan Younis in Gaza; a. critical shortages of medicine and medical supplies b. critical shortages of food and clean water c. an estimated ten thousand children with life changing injuries. 2. encourages the members of General Synod to pray for the work and ministry of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and the work of the Anglican Board of Mission Australia in that diocese. Friday 14 August 2026

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R105/19	Say No to Commercial Surrogacy The Rev'd Dr Danielle Treweek moving, The Very Rev'd Sandy Grant seconding General Synod: 1. notes that the Australian Law Reform Commission's (ALRC) Review of Surrogacy Laws (Discussion Paper 89) promotes proposals that, if accepted would move Australian law away from a purely altruistic model of surrogacy as currently legislated; 2. informs the Commonwealth Parliament that it: a. affirms that all people, including unborn children in surrogacy arrangements, are made in the image of God, and that their rights must be upheld; b. holds the formation of family and the welcoming of children in the highest regard, honours the social significance of gestational and maternal care, and recognises with compassion the pain of infertility; c. affirms that children are a gift to be received, not a right to be claimed or a good to be provided, and that no universal right to parenthood has been established in law; d. believes children have a natural interest, wherever possible, in knowing their biological and gestational origins and, where in their best interests, being raised by their own biological parents; e. deplores the commodification of children and the exploitation of vulnerable women, whether in Australia or overseas, and calls on the Commonwealth Parliament to enhance legislated safeguards for this purpose; f. opposes absolutely the legalisation of commercial surrogacy — whether in name or effect — and calls on the Commonwealth Parliament to definitively reject any recommendation to that effect. 3. notes that the ALRC's final report is due to the Attorney-General on September 11, 2026 and thereafter to be tabled in Parliament within 15 sitting days; 4. requests the Primate to write to the Prime Minister, the Attorney-General and the Leader of the Opposition informing them of this resolution by the end of September, 2026. Friday 14 August 2026
SAFE MINISTRY	
R39/19	Safe Ministry Commission – Persons of Concern Policy Bishop Greg Anderson moving, Bishop Ian Coutts seconding The General Synod requests the Commission, after consultation with Professional Standards Directors, to review the coverage and scope of the Persons of Concern Policy and report to Standing Committee with recommendations. Monday 10 August 2026

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R73/19	Safe Ministry Commission - Training Benchmarks for Professional Standards Boards Bishop Ian Coutts moving, Bishop Greg Anderson seconding The General Synod requests the Safe Ministry Commission to review and update the training benchmarks for Professional Standards Boards and to report to Standing Committee. Thursday 13 August 2026
R92/19	Safe Ministry Commission – National Repository Bishop Greg Anderson moving, Ms Dianne Shay seconding That the General Synod: 1. recommends to the Standing Committee that it request the Safe Ministry Commission, in consultation with diocesan Professional Standards authorities and Kooyoora, to establish and maintain a secure National Repository for de-identified and anonymised Professional Standards determinations, accessible only to Professional Standards Directors (or their equivalents) for the purposes of supporting consistent practice, training and decision-making, and that the Safe Ministry Commission report to the Standing Committee; and 2. recommends to the Standing Committee that it request that the Safe Ministry Commission develop national protocols for i. the submission of determinations by dioceses in accordance with applicable diocesan legislation and confidentiality requirements, ii. minimum standards for anonymisation and de-identification, and iii. governance, access controls, record-keeping and cyber security, and iv. report to the next session of General Synod on implementation, and report on its recommendations to the Standing Committee. Thursday 13 August 2026
R93/19	Safe Ministry Commission – Non-Child Related Matters Bishop Ian Coutts moving, Bishop Greg Anderson seconding The General Synod recommends to the Standing Committee that it request the Safe Ministry Commission to: 1. develop model policies, frameworks, or legislation to resolve non-child-related matters, such as grievances, interpersonal conflicts, and psychosocial work health and safety issues, and 2. report to Standing Committee with its recommendations Thursday 13 August 2026

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R94/19	Principles for Child-Safe Organisations Bishop Ian Coutts moving, Bishop Greg Anderson seconding: The General Synod recommends to the Standing Committee that it request the Safe Ministry Commission to examine and report on the Church's ongoing implementation and embedding the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, ensuring that the Church maintains and continually strengthens its status as a child safe institution, and to report its findings to the Standing Committee; and that the Standing Committee report to the 20th General Synod as to the progress of the Church in the ongoing development, implementation and review of safe ministry policies and structures. Thursday 13 August 2026
R95/19	Review of Safe Ministry Resources Bishop Greg Anderson moving, Ms Dianne Shay seconding The General Synod recommends to the Standing Committee that it request the Safe Ministry Commission to examine the Church's progress in developing and implementing safe ministry policies and structures, and promoting a safe ministry culture, including the continuing review and updating of Safe Ministry Policies and Resources, and to report to Standing Committee with recommendations, and that the Standing Committee report progress to the 20th General Synod Thursday 13 August 2026
STANDING COMMITTEE	
R62/19	Proactive youth and children's ministry The Rev'd Canon Craig Roberts moving, Archdeacon Kate Beer seconding General Synod, noting: 1. the persistent NCLS finding that almost 80% of churchgoers made a first time decision for Christ before their eighteenth birthday, and 2. the important items of Synod business pertaining to young people (including, but not necessarily limited to, Safe Ministry, Child Safe Organisations and Churches Response to Domestic and Family Violence) 3. requests consideration be given by the Standing Committee, and a proposal brought back to the next meeting of General Synod regarding proactive steps provinces, dioceses and parishes could take to see children and youth reached with the good news of Jesus and discipled to maturity in Him. Wednesday 12 August 2026