

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
DIOCESE OF BRISBANE

The First Session of the Seventy-Seventh Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane met in St John's Cathedral, Ann Street, Brisbane, on Friday 17 June 2011, following the Synod Eucharist at which the Synod Sermon was preached by the Venerable V Graydon.

1. Opening

The President, the Most Reverend Dr P J Aspinall, took the Chair at 8:45pm and his Chaplain read prayers.

2. Welcome

The Archbishop welcomed members of Synod, both Lay and Clerical.

3. Election of Secretaries

Nominations were invited for election as Clerical Secretary of Synod.

Mr P Read moved, Mr A Gallimore seconding,

“That the Reverend W F Colbrahams be elected as Clerical Secretary of Synod.”

Carried

Nominations were invited for election as Lay Secretary of Synod.

Mr P Read moved, Mr A Gallimore seconding,

“That Dr T M Nicholson be elected as Lay Secretary of Synod.”

Carried

4. Election of Chairman of Committees

Nominations were invited for election as Chairman of Committees.

Mr P Read moved, Mr A Gallimore seconding,

“That Mr T C Reid be elected as Chairman of Committees of Synod.”

Carried

5. Election of Treasurer of Synod

Nominations were invited for election as Treasurer of Synod.

Mr P Read moved, Mr A Gallimore seconding,

“That Mr I Turner be elected as Treasurer of Synod.”

Carried

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6. Appointment of Committee of Elections and Qualifications

Nominations were invited for appointment to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

Mr P Read moved, Mr A Gallimore seconding,

“That the Deputy Chancellor, Mr T C Reid, Ms S Molloy, and the Reverend Canon R B Tutin be appointed as the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.”

Carried

7. Appointment of Minutes Committee

Nominations were invited for appointment to the Minutes Committee.

Mr P Read moved, Mr A Gallimore seconding,

“That the Reverend Dr C M Thomson, Dr A Dashwood, the Reverend K A Goodger be appointed as the Minutes Committee.”

Carried

8. Appointment of Timekeeper

Nominations were invited for appointment as Timekeeper.

Mr P Read moved, Mr A Gallimore seconding,

“That Mr A A Thomson be appointed as Timekeeper.”

Carried

9. Nominations

The President called for nominations for election as detailed in the business papers.

10. Notices of Motion on Supplementary Business Paper

There were no notices of motion on the Supplementary Business Paper.

11. Petitions

The President called for petitions.

There were no petitions.

12. Reports laid on the Table

The Reports of the Diocesan Council, Cathedral Chapter and various Commissions with Statements of Accounts were laid on the table by the Lay Secretary.

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13. Procedural Motions

On behalf of the Diocesan Council, Mr P Read moved, Mr A Gallimore seconding,

- (1) “That consideration of the following business be made an Order of the Day in accordance with the following table:

| Business being considered | | Order of the Day for: | |
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| Motion No 6 | Archbishop’s November Appeal | 12.10pm | Saturday 18 June 2011 |
| Motion No 1 | Bishop Hale | 12.30 pm | Saturday 18 June 2011 |
| Motion No 4 | Going for Growth in Mission | 2.00 pm | Saturday 18 June 2011 |
| The General Synod Canon Amendment Canon | | 4.00 pm | Saturday 18 June 2011 |
| Motion No 13 | Treasurer’s Report | 7.30 pm | Saturday 18 June 2011 |
| Motion No 14 | Auditor’s Report and Statement of Accounts | Business to be considered consecutively | |
| Motion No 15 | Budget | | |
| Motion No 16 | Appointment of Auditors | | |

- (2) “That Synod give leave to the following persons to address Synod or the Committee if called upon by the President or Chairman of Committees:

Mr D Luke
 Dr N Goodwin
 Mr P Pearce
 Mr S Golding
 Mr N King
 Mr I Donaldson
 Mr A Robinson
 Ms H Monsour
 Mr R McLean

- (3) “That Synod give leave for the distribution of the following literature:

Journal of Anglican Studies
 St Francis Theological College

Carried

14. Notices of Questions

The President called for notices of questions and motions.

The Reverend N J K Whereat asked a question regarding discussions of the rationalisation of assets at Synod 2010.

The Venerable G J March asked a question regarding the Synod resolution in 2007 on Millennium Development Goals.

Mr A Warrington asked a question regarding Hospital Pastoral Care Ministry.

Mr M K Hawkins asked a question regarding the Ministry Education Commission strategic plan.

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15. Suspension of Standing Order F3

The Reverend Dr C Thomson was granted leave to move a motion without notice. Leave was granted.

The Reverend Dr C Thomson moved, Dr R S Kerr seconding:

“That the Synod grant a suspension of Standing Order F3 and agree to receive biographical details of all nominees to the extent such details are provided by the candidates.”

Mr T C Reid moved, Mr P Read seconding:

“That the motion be amended after the word ‘nominees’ by inserting the words ‘for the Diocesan Council election’.”

Carried

Mr T C Reid moved, Mr P Read seconding:

“That the motion be further amended by adding at the end ‘up to a maximum of one A4 page’.”

Carried

The Reverend G Hoyte moved, the Reverend N Whereat seconding:

“That the first amendment be recommitted.”

Not Carried

The motion as amended was put:

“That the Synod grant a suspension of Standing Order F3 and agree to receive biographical details of all nominees for the Diocesan Council election to the extent such details are provided by the candidates, up to a maximum of one A4 page.”

Carried

16. Notices of Motion

The Reverend N J K Whereat was granted leave to give notice of a motion regarding the Australian Government’s policy regarding refugees.

The Reverend K C Terpstra was granted leave to give notice of a motion regarding the Archbishop’s Emergency Relief Fund. Seconded by the Reverend W Colbrahams.

The Reverend M C Uptin was granted leave to give notice of a motion regarding mental health. Seconded by the Reverend S E Kjellgren.

17. Mr Stephen Harrison

The Reverend M N Calder was granted leave to move a motion without notice regarding Mr Stephen Harrison. Seconded by the Reverend J M Crombie.

The Reverend M N Calder moved, the Reverend J M Crombie seconding:

“That the Synod gives thanks to Almighty God for the work of Stephen Harrison as Diocesan Youth, Children’s and Families’ Officer. In particular we give thanks for his strategic thinking, gospel focus, and his infectious enthusiasm for this critical ministry. We assure him of our prayers as he takes up his new role as Director of Mission with the Anglican Schools Commission.”

Carried, with Acclamation

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18. Notices of Motion

Mr I Turner was granted leave to give notice of a motion regarding asset utilisation. Seconded by the Venerable G F Harch

19. Adjournment

The President adjourned the Synod at 9:30pm and pronounced the Blessing.

20. Attendance

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| Clergy | 159 |
| Lay | 169 |

Concluded
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18th June 2011.

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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**DIOCESE OF BRISBANE**

The First Session of the Seventy-Seventh Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane resumed in the Sir John Pidgeon Sports Complex, Anglican Church Grammar School, East Brisbane, on Saturday 18 June 2011.

1. Opening

The President, the Most Reverend Dr P J Aspinall, took the Chair at 9.00 am, and his Chaplain read prayers.

2. Welcome to Churchie

A welcome was offered by Mr J R Hensman, Headmaster of the Anglican Church Grammar School.

3. President's Inaugural Address

The President, the Most Reverend Dr P J Aspinall, welcomed Members of Synod and delivered his inaugural address, which was received with applause.

By leave, the Right Reverend R Nolan moved, the Reverend K C Terpstra seconding,

“That Synod express its thanks to the President for his Inaugural Address, and request that this address and the Synod sermon be printed and encapsulated in the records of this Synod.”

Carried

4. Minutes

The Reverend Dr C M Thomson reported to Synod that the Minutes Committee had read the minutes of the previous day's sitting [Friday 17 June 2011] and had certified that they were a true record.

The Reverend Dr C M Thomson moved, Dr A Dashwood seconding,

“That the minutes of the previous day's sitting be confirmed.”

Carried

5. Notices of Motion on Supplementary Business Paper

There were no notices of motion on the Supplementary Business Paper.

6. Formal Motions

The President called over the list of motions of which notice had been given. No motions were considered formally.

7. Petitions

The President called for petitions.

There were no petitions.

8. Notices of Questions and Motions

The President called for Notices of Questions and Motions.

Mr P Osborne asked a question about the authority of Scripture.

The Reverend K A Goodger asked a question about Shared Services.

The Reverend M N Calder gave notice of a Motion concerning the quantity of paper used at Synod.

9. Nominations

The President called for nominations for election as detailed in the business papers.

10. Report of the Diocesan Council

Dr R S Kerr presented the Report of Diocesan Council.

Dr R S Kerr moved, the Venerable G F Harch seconding,

“That the report of the Diocesan Council be received.”

Carried

11. Adjournment

The Synod adjourned at 10:35am.

12. Resumption

The Synod resumed at 11:00am.

13. Report of the Community Services Commission

Mr R Law presented the report of the Community Services Commission.

Mr R Law moved, the Reverend Canon R M MacDonald seconding,

“That the report of the Community Services Commission be received.”

Carried

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14. Report of the Cathedral Chapter

The Very Reverend Dr P Catt presented the report of the Cathedral Chapter.

The Very Reverend Dr P Catt moved, the Reverend Canon Dr M J Free seconding,

“That the Report of the Cathedral Chapter be received.”

Carried

15. Report of the Ministry Education Commission

The Right Reverend Dr J C Holland presented the report of the Ministry Education Commission.

The Right Reverend Dr J C Holland moved, the Reverend Dr S G Ogden seconding,

“That the report of the Ministry Education Commission be received.”

Carried

16. Archbishop’s November Appeal

The Reverend K J Spreadborough was granted leave to address the Synod.

Motion 6. The Venerable G J March moved, the Reverend J R Harrison seconding:

“That this Synod:

- a) Commends the people of the Diocese for their support of the 2010 Archbishop’s November Appeal for the support of ministry formation at Nungalinya and Wontulp-Bi-Buya Colleges;
- b) Encourages the people of the Diocese to support the 2011 Archbishop’s November Appeal to support St John’s Seminary in Zambia and school fees for clergy children in Papua New Guinea.”

Carried

17. Bishop Hale

Motion 1. The Reverend A K Moore moved, Mr A Crawford seconding:

“That this Synod:

- a) Gives thanks to Almighty God for the life and ministry of Bishop Mathew Hale, the second Bishop of Brisbane, on this day 18 June 2011, the two hundredth anniversary of his birth; and
- b) Notes in particular that his ministry in three Australian colonies was outwardly focussed to provide spiritual and material support for those in need – as Archdeacon of Adelaide he established a successful Aboriginal mission near Port Lincoln; as first Bishop of Perth he pioneered secondary education for boys and girls and advocated reformation of convicts; as second Bishop of Brisbane he established a General Church Fund to support clergy ministering to people in country communities;

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- c) Records his firm commitment to the scriptural and reformed Anglican Church, his willingness to work with people of other viewpoints within the Anglican Church, as well as with other Christian churches and groups, his example as a man of prayer, a leader by example, committed to his family, friends and fellow workers, liberal in the use of his time and resources – a genuine and truly good man;
- d) Commends to the parishes of the Diocese the ministry of the Mathew Hale Public Library in providing resources for the study of the scriptures and the history of the Anglican Church and in encouraging ministry by the church and individuals through organising lectures, seminars, etc with guest speakers;
- e) Welcomes the launching of the book “Better be a good sermon: preaching for special occasions and in special contexts” published by the Simeon Association and commends this book to the wider Diocesan community as a valuable tool in growing our ministry of preaching the Word of God, so that people may follow Christ as faithfully as Bishop Mathew Hale followed him.”

Carried

18. Report of the Diocesan Services Commission

Mr S Golding presented the report of the Diocesan Services Commission.

Mr S Golding moved, Mr I Turner seconding,

“That the report of the Diocesan Services Commission be received.”

Carried

19. Report of the Anglican Schools Commission

The Right Reverend G Smith presented the report of the Anglican Schools Commission.

The Right Reverend G Smith moved, the Reverend S P Leisemann seconding,

“That the report of the Anglican Schools Commission be received.”

Consideration of the Report was adjourned.

20. Adjournment

The Synod adjourned at 1:05pm

21. Resumption

The Synod resumed at 2pm.

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22. Question: Outcome of Synod 2010 Discussion Groups

The Reverend N J K Whereat asked:

“At the last Diocesan Synod we had a small group discussion about the best use of Church assets. The expectation of the Synod was that there would be some sort of summary of the discussion provided to Synod Reps. Could the feedback from those discussions be provided to this Synod. What implications and/or policies has the Diocesan Council drawn from those discussions?”

Will a summary of this year’s discussion be made available to Synod Reps with any implications that Diocesan Council deems appropriate?”

The President gave the following answer:

“A report on the outcomes of the discussion groups held as part of Synod 2010 has been prepared and distributed to all members of Synod.

Motion number 4 which deals with this year’s discussion groups specifically requests that the Diocesan Council initiate the development of strategies based on the feedback and to provide a report to the next session of Synod.”

23. Going for Growth in Mission

Motion 4. The Reverend J M Crombie moved, Mr T C Reid seconding:

“That this Synod:

- a) Notes the challenges and issues raised in the discussion paper entitled “Going for Growth in Mission – the Whole Church Engaged in the Whole Mission”;
- b) Agrees to resolve into small groups to address questions relating to those challenges and issues as tabled by the mover;
- c) Requests that feedback from the groups be forwarded to Diocesan Council for further consideration and discussion in the Diocese, including through the Commissions; and
- d) Requests that, where appropriate, Diocesan Council, initiate the development of strategies based on the feedback and provide a report to the next session of Synod.”

Carried

The Synod resolved itself into small groups.

24. Adjournment

The Synod adjourned at 3:30pm.

25. Resumption

The Synod resumed at 4:00pm.

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26. General Synod Legislation Canon Amendment Canon 2011

Mr I Walker moved, The Hon Justice D M Mullins seconding,

“That Synod agree to the general principles of the General Synod Legislation Canon Amendment Canon 2011.”

Carried

Mr I Walker moved, The Hon Justice D M Mullins seconding,

“That the General Synod Legislation Canon Amendment Canon 2011 do now pass.

Carried

27. Report of the Anglican Schools Commission

Debate on the following motion was resumed.

The Right Reverend G Smith moved, the Reverend S P Leisemann seconding,

“That the report of the Anglican Schools Commission be received.”

Carried

28. Report of the Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission

The Right Reverend Dr J C Holland presented the report of the Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission.

The Right Reverend Dr J C Holland moved, the Reverend J M Crombie seconding,

“That the report of the Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission be received.”

Carried

29. Education for Ministry

Motion 2. The Venerable G F Harch to move, Mrs L Cain seconding:

“That this Synod:

- a) Recognises and commends the wide range of parishes that have hosted the Education for Ministry (EfM) program over the past 32 years;
- b) Gives thanks for the many lay and ordained ministries initiated and extended through Education for Ministry;
- c) Encourages clergy to further develop the Education for Ministry program among the lay leadership of the Diocese of Brisbane;
- d) Encourages clergy and lay to attend a half day information session at one of four locations across the Diocese; and
- f) Requests the PMC and MEC to report to Synod in 2012 on progress in Education for Ministry in the Diocese.”

Carried

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30. The King James Version of the Bible

Motion 3. The Reverend Dr S G Ogden to move, the Reverend S J Crothers-Robertson seconding:

“That this Synod joins with the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia (Resolution 23/10 – 18 September 2010) in:

- a) Giving thanks to God for the impact of the King James Version of the Bible (KJB) on English-speaking peoples over the past 400 years;
- b) Recognising that the 400th anniversary of the KJB provides an opportunity to celebrate the contribution which that translation has made to shaping the life, language and culture of Australia and other nations;
- c) Noting with enthusiasm the events throughout 2011 that have been organised by the Bible Society in Australia, and by the King James Bible Trust (www.kingjamesbibletrust.org<<http://www.kingjamesbibletrust.org>>) in the United Kingdom;
- d) Affirming the importance of continuing research, teaching and translation by biblical and theological scholars to provide faithful translations of the Bible for our own time and context; and
- e) Requesting all members of the church in this Diocese, all parishes and other mission agencies, all commissions and all schools to support celebrations of this anniversary and to undertake local initiatives, where possible, to promote and teach the Scriptures both within the Church and throughout the Australian community.”

Carried

31. General Synod Legislation Canon Amendment Canon 2011

The President announced he had assented to the General Synod Legislation Canon Amendment Canon 2011.

32. Question: President's understanding of the authority of Scripture

Mr P Osborne asked:

“In the Archbishop's article in the September 2010 Focus magazine he stated categorically that Genesis 2 is not an historical account of the first two human beings.

It appears that this statement could undermine the authority of Holy Scripture and could cause many to doubt the virgin birth and the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ.

My question is, could the Archbishop please clarify for this Synod his attitude to the authority of Scriptures?”

The President gave the following answer:

“The Chancellor advises:

‘The ambit of the business of Synod is not unlimited. As to questions, Standing Orders require they be relevant to the business of Synod. As relevant, Standing Order C13 prescribes, that a question must be relevant to:

1. the duties or responsibilities of the Archbishop, or
2. the interpretation of the “fundamental declarations and ruling principles” of the Church in this Diocese.

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'While the Archbishop's own scriptural interpretation is of considerable interest and significance, it is in the end his own view. As chapter 2 of the national Constitution provides, "the ultimate rule and standard of faith" are the Old and New Testaments, and this is not determined by any particular person's view.

'The Synod is primarily concerned with Church governance. The Archbishop's personal scriptural interpretation is not relevant to the Synod's discharge of that role.'

I would add to the Chancellor's response:

The Archbishop's personal interpretation of particular passages of scripture is of course open to discussion and debate.

As to the authority of scripture the Archbishop subscribes to the view of this church set out in the fundamental declarations in Chapter 1 of the Constitution S2

'This Church receives all the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as being the ultimate rule and standard of faith given by inspiration of God and containing all things necessary for salvation.'

Further the ruling principles set out in chapter 2 of the Constitution and S4 declare

'That the...Book of Common Prayer, together with the Thirty-nine Articles, be regarded as the Authorised standard of worship and doctrine in this Church....'

The articles themselves are reflected in the language of the Constitution. Article 6 provides in part that:

'Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith, or be though requisite or necessary to salvation'.

Article 7 also concerns the authority of Scripture.

A more recent Anglican treatment of Scripture, not normative though insightful and helpful, may be found in the Windsor Report 2004. In part the section dealing with the Authority of Scripture says:

53. '.....Within Anglicanism, scripture has always been recognised as the Church's supreme authority.... The Bible has always been at the centre of Anglican belief and life, embodied and exemplified by the fact that the reading and singing of scripture has always been at the centre of Anglican worship.
54. 'However, the common phrase "the authority of scripture" can be misleading; Scripture itself, after all, regularly speaks of *God* as the supreme authority. When Jesus speaks of "all authority in heaven and earth" (Matthew 28.18), he declares that this authority is given, not to the books that his followers will write, but to himself. Jesus, the living Word, is the one to whom the written Word bears witness as God's ultimate and personal self-expression. The New Testament is full of similar ascriptions of authority to the Father, to Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit. Thus the phrase "the authority of scripture", if it is to be based on what scripture itself says, must be regarded as a shorthand, and a potentially misleading one at that, for the longer and more complex notion of "the authority of the triune God, exercised through scripture". The question of how this 'exercised through' works in practice is vital to understanding the kind of authority which scripture possesses and hence to the nature and exercise of actual authority within the Church. It may be, historically, that the phrase 'authority of scripture' has characteristically emerged in contexts of protest (when one part of the Church appeals to scripture against something being done by another part). When we attempt to apply it more widely, to an entire understanding of the Church's mission and common life, it quickly becomes apparent that its implications need to be thought out more fully.
55. 'For Jesus and the early Christians, 'authority' was not conceived as a static source of information or the giving of orders (as the word 'authority' has sometimes implied), but in terms of the dynamic inbreaking of God's kingdom.... in and through Jesus and his death and resurrection, to be then implemented through the work of the Spirit.... If the notion of scriptural authority is itself to be rooted in scripture, and to be consonant with the central truths confessed by Christians from the earliest days, it must be seen that the purpose of scripture is not simply to

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supply true information, nor just to prescribe in matters of belief and conduct, nor merely to act as a court of appeal, but to be part of the dynamic life of the Spirit through which God the Father is making the victory which was won by Jesus' death and resurrection operative within the world and in and through human beings. Scripture is thus part of the means by which God directs the Church in its mission, energises it for that task, and shapes and unites it so that it may be both equipped for this work and itself part of the message.”

33. Question: Millennium Development Goals

The Venerable G J March asked:

“At the 2007 Synod a motion was passed regarding the Millennium Development Goals.

The Motion resolved that Synod

- Requests that the Diocesan Budget of 2009 be prepared in such a way that it fulfills the 1998 Lambeth Conference Resolution 1.15;
- Encourages all Anglicans to consider how they will respond with Christian stewardship to these imperatives;
- Requires the Commissions of the Diocese to report to Synod on how they are responding to these resolutions;
- Commends the community development programs of Anglican mission agencies as a way of fulfilling the MDG imperatives.

Would the Archbishop please inform Synod what measures have been put in place to fulfill this resolution of Synod, and in particular the recommendation of the 1998 Lambeth Conference Resolution 1.15?”

The President gave the following answer:

“The Diocesan Budget of 2009 was prepared so that it fulfilled the 1998 Lambeth Conference Resolution 1.15.

0.7% of the then Diocesan Income Budget was set aside as required by the 2007 resolution of Synod, and over the 2009 and 2010 budget years \$95,000 was made available for MDG projects.

The Diocesan Council established a committee initially chaired by Bishop Nolan and including representatives of the 8 Goals Group, chaired by Mrs Lynn Smith, and ABM to advise Diocesan Council as to suitable projects to receive funding. A total of \$95,000 was divided between projects in Kenya and the Philippines and forwarded through ABM in 2010. Mrs Lynn Smith now chairs the ongoing Diocesan advisory group.”

34. Question: MEC Strategic Plan

Mr M K Hawkins asked:

“In the Business Papers for 2011 Synod I have seen reference to a ‘strategic plan’ written by the Ministry Education Commission – p79 under the MEC outline and p123 under Going for Growth discussion papers.

I was wondering if this important sounding document was publically available, or if not, could be made available to members of Synod?”

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The President gave the following answer:

“The MEC Strategic Plan is a publically available document and is available on request from the MEC. It is a comprehensive document with goals and outcomes, key performance indicators, timelines and so on.

A summary of the Strategic Plan is included on p79 of the Synod papers, and a slightly fuller summary is on p54 of the Reports to Synod in Volume 1 of the 2011 Year Book.”

35. Question: Diocesan Shared Services Presentation

The Reverend K A Goodger asked:

“Will the presentation given to the Clergy Conference on Friday relating to shared services also be given at the Lay Conference on Sunday and disseminated to the wider Diocese via Focus?”

The President gave the following answer:

“The material upon which the presentation to clergy was based will be available to the Lay Conference and Mr Peter Pearce, Acting Executive Director, Diocesan Services Commission is available to speak to the material if required.

The Director of Marketing, Communication and Fund Raising has been asked to consider the best way to disseminate the information about shared services to the wider Diocese.”

36. Adjournment

The Synod adjourned at 5:30pm for Evening Prayer led by members of AngliGreen.

37. Resumption

The Synod resumed at 7:30pm.

38. Treasurer's Report

Motion 13. Mr I Turner moved, Mr P Read seconding:

“That the Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2010 be received.”

Carried

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39. Auditor's Report and Statements of Accounts

Motion 14. Mr I Turner moved, Mr P Read seconding:

"That the Auditor's Report, and Statements of Accounts of The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane and related entities, and The Corporation of the Lesser Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Brisbane for the year ended 31 December 2010 as incorporated in the Report Book be adopted."

In Committee [Mr T Reid in the Chair] the Auditor's Report and Statements of Accounts were considered in detail.

The Chairman reported that the Committee has considered the accounts and recommends them for adoption.

Carried

40. Budget 2012

Motion 15. Mr I Turner moved, Mr P Read seconding:

"That the Budget and Schedule of Parish Contributions for 2012 be adopted."

Carried

41. Appointment of Auditors for 2011-12

Motion 16. Mr I Turner moved, Mr P Read seconding:

"That this Synod appoint Deloitte as Auditors to the Diocese for all Diocesan audits for the period ending 30 June 2012."

Carried

Diocesan Property Assets

Mr I Donaldson, Chairman of the Diocesan Audit and Risk Committee, was granted leave to address Synod and to answer questions from members of Synod.

Motion 20. Mr I Turner sought leave of Synod to move the motion in the following amended form. Leave was granted.

Mr I Turner to move, the Reverend G M Hoyte seconding:

"That this Synod:

Endorses the proposal that Property Assets which may be surplus to Diocesan requirements can be sold and where Property Assets have the potential to earn a Commercial Return within an acceptable risk profile then those Assets should be allocated for that purpose with the following conditions:

- i) That the net proceeds from sales available after allocations (if any) to parishes or institutions use under sections 19(a) and (b) of the Diocesan Council Canon are to be allocated to the Going for Growth Fund;

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- ii) That the proceeds so received shall be invested in accordance with the Diocesan Financial Strategic Plan with the aim of earning a satisfactory rate of return;
- iii) That the income derived from converting Property Assets into ones which have a purpose of earning a commercial rate of return shall be allocated to the Going for Growth Fund;
- iv) That all income accumulated in the Going for Growth Fund under paragraphs (ii) and (iii) after allowing for a prudent retention for contingencies and the maintenance of the agreed investment value of the Fund, shall be allocated to fund new mission initiatives in accordance with the priorities set out and approved from time to time by Synod or by Diocesan Council in the Diocesan Strategic Plan."

The Very Reverend Dr P Catt moved, Mr A Gallimore seconding, that the debate be adjourned, and the mover be allowed to consult with others and advise the Synod tomorrow on a proposed way forward.

Not Carried

The Reverend J Inkpin moved, the Reverend Dr C M Thomson seconding, that the Synod proceed to the next business.

42. Adjournment

The President adjourned the Synod at 9:25pm and, after reading prayers, pronounced the Blessing.

43. Attendance

Clergy: 197
Lay: 259

Confirmed
A Phillip, Brisbane
19th June 2011.

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Anglican Church of Australia - Diocese of Brisbane

**GENERAL SYNOD LEGISLATION CANON
AMENDMENT CANON 2011**

A Canon to assent to canons of the General Synod by means of an amendment of the General Synod Legislation Canon.

The Archbishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Brisbane assembled in Synod prescribe –

Short Title

1. This Canon may be cited as the “General Synod Legislation Canon Amendment Canon 2011”.

Assent to amendments of the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia

2. Schedule 1 of the Principal Canon is amended by the addition of the following at the end of the Schedule –

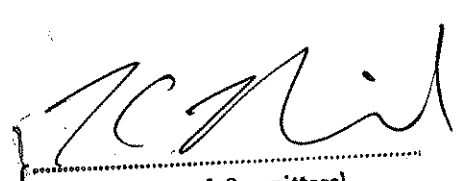
- “No 1, 2010 Constitution Amendment (Diocesan Council) Canon 2010
- No 2, 2010 Constitution Amendment (Diocesan Council) Repeal Canon 2010
- No 3, 2010 Constitution Amendment (Appellate Tribunal Part Heard Matters) Canon 2010
- No 8, 2010 Constitution Amendment (Section 30) Canon 2010
- No 9, 2010 Constitution Amendment (Sentences of Tribunals) Canon 2010
- No 12, 2010 Constitution Alteration (Chapter V) Canon 2010”

Assent to Canon of General Synod

3. Schedule 3 of the Principal Canon is amended by the addition of the following at the end of the Schedule –

“No 7, 2010 Long Service Leave Canon 2010”

I certify that this copy of the
Canon is in accordance with
that passed by the Committee


(Chairman of Committees)

I assent.....
(Archbishop)

+ Phillip Brisbane

18th June 2011
(Date)

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
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The First Session of the Seventy-seventh Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane resumed in the Sir John Pidgeon Sports Complex, Anglican Church Grammar School, East Brisbane, on Sunday 19 June 2011.

1. Opening

The President, the Most Reverend Dr P J Aspinall, took the Chair at 11.30 am, and his Chaplain read prayers.

2. Publication of Minutes

The President announced that the confirmed Minutes from Synod 2011, including answers to Questions, would be published on the Diocesan website following Synod.

3. Minutes

Dr A Dashwood reported to Synod that the Minutes Committee had read the minutes of the previous day's sitting [Saturday 18 June 2011] and had certified that they were a true record.

Dr A Dashwood moved, the Reverend K A Goodger seconding,

“That the minutes of the previous day's sitting be confirmed.”

Carried

4. Notices of Motion on Supplementary Business Paper

The following motion on the Supplementary Business Paper was added to the Business Paper.

Motion 22. The Venerable G Harch moved, the Deputy Chancellor seconding,

“That this Synod request Diocesan Council to:

- i) Review the issues around the supply of information and biographic details supplied by those nominated for election by ballot;
- ii) Bring any necessary legislation to the next session of Synod, with particular regard to paragraph 3(6) of the Diocesan Council Canon and Standing Orders F.3 and Schedule 1.”

Carried

5. Formal Motions

The President called over the list of motions of which notice had been given. No motions were considered formally.

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6. Petitions

The President called for petitions. There were no petitions.

7. Queensland Churches Together

Motion 5. The Very Reverend Dr P C Catt to move, the Reverend G M Hoyte seconding:

“That this Synod:

- a) Notes with joy that Queensland Churches Together (QCT) will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its formation on 1 December 2011;
- b) Applauds QCT’s efforts over the past 20 years to further ecumenical relationships between Queensland Churches;
- c) Commends QCT for the work of its current flagship activities: The Churches Together Indigenous People’s Partnership (CTIPP); The Forum of Christians, Muslims and Jews; Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project (JCDVPP);
- d) Recognises that over the past few decades international ecumenism has been experiencing something of an ‘Ecumenical Winter’ and notes QCT’s desire to be an agent for the rekindling of a push for deeper ecumenism;
- e) Affirms its commitment to QCT and to the aims of furthering deeper ecumenical dialogue and common action;
- f) Commends to the Diocesan family participation in the QCT 20th Anniversary Celebration events:
 - i) 20th Anniversary Liturgy to be held at St Peter’s Lutheran College Chapel, 1st December 2011 at 7.00 pm; and
 - ii) The visit of brothers from the Taize Community, 14-18 September 2011;
- g) Asks the General Manager to convey the content of this motion to the executive of QCT.”

Carried

8. Bush Ministry Fund

Motion 7. The Reverend S E Kjellgren to move, the Reverend T B B Hall seconding:

“That this Synod:

Receive the Bush Ministry Fund report and asks for members of Synod to promote the Fund in their parishes, schools and agencies.”

Carried

The Archbishop led the Synod in prayer and dedicated a stole featuring the Bush Ministry Fund’s windmill logo, and presented it to the Reverend T B B Hall, Bush Ministry Fund Officer.

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9. Congratulations

The President noted that the Right Reverend R B Smith was attending his 50th consecutive Synod. Synod congratulated him by acclamation.

10. Offerings at Pastoral Services Canon

Motion 8. The Reverend I H Dredge to move, the Venerable G J March seconding:

“That this Synod requests Diocesan Council to convene a working party to:

- a) Review the Offerings at Pastoral Services Canon;
- b) Invites submissions for this review; and
- c) Reports to the members of this Synod before the end of 2011.”

Carried

11. Age Profile and Training of Clergy

Motion 9. The Reverend A K Moore sought leave of Synod to move the motion in the following amended form. Leave was granted.

The Reverend A K Moore to move, Mr A J Sauer seconding:

“That this Synod:

- a) Notes the current age profile of the licensed clergy in the Diocese of Brisbane;
- b) Expresses its concern at the relatively small number of formation students at St Francis' College in view of the possible retirement of a large proportion of the licensed clergy of the Diocese of Brisbane in the next ten years;
- c) Expresses its concern at the need to source clergy from other dioceses to fill recent vacancies;
- d) Notes the assumption stated in the policy document 'God Calling' at item 7.0 “that all candidates for Brisbane Diocese study through SFC” and therefore;
- e) Respectfully requests the Archbishop-in-Council to commission a report, to be presented to the 2012 session of this Synod, which:
 - i) examines the reasons given by those formation students who have withdrawn from study at St Francis College, in the last five years, to determine any underlying patterns or consistent themes in the reasons given for their withdrawal;
 - ii) presents a comprehensive review of the syllabus taught at St Francis' College focusing on how adequately the syllabus both, engages with the diversity of Anglican perspectives represented in the diocese, and develops the spiritual qualities required of ordained leaders, as stated in item 1.3 of the policy document 'God Calling'; and
 - iii) compares the present cost to the Diocese of training a formation student at St Francis' College with the cost of training a Brisbane Diocesan Formation student elsewhere.”

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The Right Reverend Dr J C Holland moved, the Reverend Dr C E Laufer seconding, the following amendment:

“Delete the original clauses c), d) and e) from the motion and substitute the following:

- c) Welcomes the Archbishop’s establishment of the ‘Vocations Task Group’;
- d) Asks that group to note Synod’s concern for more vocations as a matter of urgency and pledges its own support to encourage vocations in the years ahead.
- e) Welcomes the successful integration of SFC into the School of Theology at Charles Sturt University, and assures the Principal and staff of our prayers and support as they build on this success to create a theological college that serves the present and future mission of this Diocese.”

The President adjourned the debate.

12. Adjournment

Synod adjourned at 1:04pm and the Archbishop said Grace.

13. Resumption

Synod resumed at 2:00pm

14. Hospital Chaplaincy

Mr A Warrington asked:

1. “How does the Diocese intend to service or support the new Hospital Pastoral Care ministry?”
2. Does the Diocese see the Hospital Care Ministry as a long term mission?”

The President gave the following answer, prepared by the Reverend J Crombie, Executive Director of the Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission:

1. “We continue to support Anglican caring ministry in hospitals by Chaplains, Pastoral Care Co-ordinators, local parish clergy and trained visitors.

Pastoral Care Co-ordinators (PCC’s) are supported by the Diocesan Hospital Co-ordinator, the Reverend Sid Rogers. They are also members of the PMC’s Chaplains Committee which meets regularly for support. The PCC’s are responsible for co-ordinating and supporting volunteer Anglican Care Visitors to the hospitals, and we need many more. The PMC takes an active, advocacy umbrella role. We will continue to budget for this ministry.

2. Yes. As noted in the PMC report to this Synod, this ministry is intended to continue and develop. We hope to recruit further volunteer carers and develop ways of supporting them in this important Ministry.”

15. Elections and Qualifications Committee Report

Mr T C Reid presented the following report of the Committee:

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“The Committee has reviewed the ballot of paper for the election of Clergy nominees to the Archbishop Election Committee and determined that there is an error in the Ballot Paper in that the Reverend James Hall has been shown as the Reverend James Hull.

The Committee recommends that the Ballot for Clergy members of the Archbishop Election Committee be declared invalid and that a fresh ballot be undertaken, with ballots available from 2:30pm and closing at 4:00pm.”

Mr T C Reid moved, the Honourable Justice D M Mullins seconding,

“That the report of the Elections and Qualifications Committee be adopted.”

Carried

16. Motion without Notice

By leave, a motion to be moved by the Reverend W F Colbrahams, the Reverend S P Dulley seconding, was added to the Business Paper as Motion 22.

17. Age Profile and Training of Clergy

Consideration was resumed of the amendment (moved by the Right Reverend Dr J C Holland, the Reverend Dr C E Laufer seconding) to the motion moved by the Reverend A Moore, Mr A J Sauer seconding.

“Delete the original clauses c), d) and e) from the motion and substitute the following:

- c) Welcomes the Archbishop’s establishment of the ‘Vocations Task Group’;
- d) Asks that group to note Synod’s concern for more vocations as a matter of urgency and pledges its own support to encourage vocations in the years ahead.
- e) Welcomes the successful integration of SFC into the School of Theology at Charles Sturt University, and assures the Principal and staff of our prayers and support as they build on this success to create a theological college that serves the present and future mission of this Diocese.”

Carried

The Reverend K C Terpstra moved, the Reverend N J K Whereat seconding, an amendment to the amended motion.

“That the following be added to clause c):

...and requests the Vocations Task Group to report to the next Session of Synod on their progress, and to provide regular reporting thereafter to each Session of Synod.”

Carried

The Reverend A Moore moved the amended motion, Mr A J Sauer seconding:

“That this Synod:

- a) Notes the current age profile of the licensed clergy in the Diocese of Brisbane;
- b) Expresses its concern at the relatively small number of formation students at St Francis’ College in view of the possible retirement of a large proportion of the licensed clergy of the Diocese of Brisbane in the next ten years;

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- c) Welcomes the Archbishop's establishment of the 'Vocations Task Group' and requests the Vocations Task Group to report to the next Session of Synod on their progress, and to provide regular reporting thereafter to each Session of Synod;
- d) Asks that group to note Synod's concern for more vocations as a matter of urgency and pledges its own support to encourage vocations in the years ahead.
- e) Welcomes the successful integration of SFC into the School of Theology at Charles Sturt University, and assures the Principal and staff of our prayers and support as they build on this success to create a theological college that serves the present and future mission of this Diocese."

Carried

18. General Synod Resolution 2010 on *Caring for Creation*

Motion 10. Dr R E McFadyen to move, The Reverend Canon Dr M J Free seconding:

"That this Synod:

- a) Notes and welcomes the General Synod Resolution 2010 on *Caring for Creation: the need to acknowledge and respond to population issues*;
- b) Acknowledges that, as stated in that Resolution, "*unless human beings take responsibility for caring for the earth, the consequences will be catastrophic because of: overpopulation, unsustainable levels of consumption by the rich, poor quality and shortage of water, air pollution, eroded and impoverished soil, forest destruction and animal extinction*";, and
- c) Requests all Anglicans in the Diocese of Brisbane to consider these matters prayerfully, including the role of human population growth in contributing to them, and to contribute thoughtfully and prayerfully to public debate on the topic."

The Reverend I J Marshall moved, the Venerable G F Harch seconding, the following amendment:

"That the words ", including the role of human population growth in contributing to them," be removed from clause c)."

Carried

Dr R E McFadyen moved the amended motion, the Reverend Canon Dr M J Free seconding:

"That this Synod:

- a) Notes and welcomes the General Synod Resolution 2010 on *Caring for Creation: the need to acknowledge and respond to population issues*;
- b) Acknowledges that, as stated in that Resolution, "*unless human beings take responsibility for caring for the earth, the consequences will be catastrophic because of: overpopulation, unsustainable levels of consumption by the rich, poor quality and shortage of water, air pollution, eroded and impoverished soil, forest destruction and animal extinction*";, and
- c) Requests all Anglicans in the Diocese of Brisbane to consider these matters prayerfully and to contribute thoughtfully and prayerfully to public debate on the topic."

Carried

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19. General Synod Resolution 2010 on Environment

Motion 11. The Very Reverend Dr P C Catt move, the Reverend Canon M Florence seconding:

“That this Synod:

- a) Notes and welcomes the General Synod Resolution 2010 on Environment supporting the recent Anglican Consultative Council’s Resolution 14.15 (2009) “to weigh the environmental as well as financial costs of all church activities”;
- b) Acknowledges the steps taken by this Diocese towards reducing its environmental footprint, choosing renewable over non-renewable energy and encouraging and facilitating the sustainable use of environmental resources;
- c) Requests the General Synod Liturgical Commission to develop resources that facilitate worship that honours the relationship between Creator and creation as “an integral part of the Church’s yearly pattern of worship and teaching” (ACC 2009, GS 2010);
- d) Acknowledges the work that AngliGreen is doing in providing support to encourage and facilitate “effective long-term sustainable management and use of environmental resources” within this Diocese (GS 2010); and
- e) Requests the General Synod Working Group to develop resources that promote and develop competency in “theological reflection on the sustainability of creation and the appropriate use of science and technology” (ACC 2009, GS 2010).”

Carried

20. Adjournment

Synod adjourned at 3:26pm

21. Resumption

Synod resumed at 4:00pm

22. Formal Motions

The President called over the list of motions of which notice had been given. The following motions were considered formally.

23. Synod Papers in Electronic Form

Motion 21. By leave, Mr T C Reid moved, the Reverend A Lowe seconding:

“That this Synod:

With so much paper used for the running of Synod and also the advance of electronic devices, Synod respectfully requests that consideration be given to clearly communicating with all Synod members where the Synod papers and reports may be found on the website, and that Synod members be given the opportunity to indicate that they do not require a hard copy.”

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*Carried***24. Biographic Information for Elections**

Motion 22. The Venerable G Harch moved, the Deputy Chancellor seconding,

“That this Synod request Diocesan Council to:

- i) Review the issues around the supply of information and biographic details supplied by those nominated for election by ballot;
- ii) Bring any necessary legislation to the next session of Synod, with particular regard to paragraph 3(6) of the Diocesan Council Canon and Standing Orders F.3 and Schedule 1.”

*Carried***25. Locum Tenens at Synod**

Motion 23. The Reverend W F Colbrahams moved, the Reverend S P Dulley seconding:

“That Diocesan Council be requested to prepare appropriate amendments to Canons to permit Locum Tenens with pastoral oversight of Parishes without a Rector or Priest-in-Charge to be afforded membership of Synod that permits not only their attendance and right to speak but also to ask questions, move or second motions and vote.”

*Carried***26. Nominations to Committees**

Motion 24. By leave, the Chancellor moved, the Deputy Chancellor seconding,

“That under Standing Order C12, Standing Order F16 be suspended, for this purpose:

To permit the President to nominate, under Standing Order F6, persons to be appointed to committees, where fewer have been nominated than the number required to be elected, subsequently to the adjournment of this Session of the Synod; whereupon those persons will be “declared duly elected” under Standing Order F6, notwithstanding their election will not have been “announced” at this Session of the Synod.”

*Carried***27. Speaking Time in this Session**

Motion 25. By leave, the Chancellor moved, the Deputy Chancellor seconding:

“That this Synod under Standing Order D10, as to times time periods for speaking to motions, be suspended, and that for the remainder of this Session of Synod:

1. the mover of a motion be entitled to speak for no longer than 6 minutes;
2. subsequent speakers, no longer than 3 minutes;

and that the President be invited to consider limiting the number of subsequent speakers;

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and further, that that the hearing of all remaining motions be concluded by 5:45pm, so allowing for formalities, the Session will conclude by 6:00pm.

Carried

28. Carbon Tax

By leave, the Reverend M Nyrene to move,

Motion 12. "That this Synod, recognising our responsibility before God to care for the earth and all God's creation:

- a) Acknowledges that human production of carbon dioxide is contributing to an increase in the mean global surface temperature with serious consequences for life on this planet;
- b) Applauds the Australian Government for taking steps towards instituting a tax on carbon pollution;
- c) Lobbies the Australian Government to provide clear information to farmers and land holders about the impact on them of pricing carbon;
- d) Encourages AngliGreen to engage in discussion with representatives of farmers and landholders in our diocese in developing responses to environmental issues, acknowledging the commonality of a shared concern for the wellbeing of our land
- e) Urges Anglicans in the Diocese of Brisbane to contribute to public debate on this topic towards achieving a price on carbon; and
- f) Encourages clergy and lay people of this Diocese to individually and collectively express to the Federal Government their appreciation of the initiative on climate change, and to urge the Government that action not be delayed and that the revenue generated by a carbon tax be directed towards the further development of renewable energy."

Mrs C Mclean moved, Mrs V Knox seconding, the following amendment:

"That the word "recognising" in the first line be changed to "recognise", and that clauses a) to f) be deleted."

Not Carried

The Reverend S Webb moved, Mr K Hutton seconding, the following amendment:

"That clause b) and d) be deleted and the following substituted:

- b) encourage the Australian Government to continue taking steps to price carbon and regulate the emissions of our largest polluters.
- d) encourage Clergy and Lay People of this Diocese to individually and collectively express to the Federal Government our belief that initiatives on climate change should continue, and to urge the Government not to delay these initiatives. To further ensure that only revenues derived from resulting carbon emissions be directed towards further development of renewable energy."

Consideration of the motion and amendment were adjourned.

29. Australian Refugee Policy

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Consideration of the motion and amendment were adjourned.

29. Australian Refugee Policy

Motion 17. The Reverend N J K Whereat to move, the Reverend A J Paulsen seconding:

“That this Synod:

- a) convey to the Federal Government in the strongest terms possible our shame and dismay at the plans to send refugees to Malaysia or to any other nation renewing the “Pacific Solution”;
- b) strongly recommend to the Federal Government that it is time to abandon the mandatory detention policy and to treat asylum seekers as human beings and not as criminals or terrorists;
- c) Encourage the people of the Anglican Church of Australia to write, email and twitter their local Member of Parliament and our Prime Minister to convey this message;
- d) encourage the Archbishop’s Social Responsibility Committee to study the refugee situation and to develop a policy paper that we as a whole diocese can submit to the Federal Government and to the opposition for consideration and action
- e) encourage members of the Church and the community generally to reach out with generosity to all asylum seekers and refugees that come to our country.”

Mr M Fowler moved, Miss L Wittholz seconding, the following amendment:

“In clause b), after the term ‘Federal Government’, the phrase ‘, UNHRC and the Opposition’ be added.”

Carried

Mr M Fowler moved, the Reverend J K Dinale seconding, the following amendment:

“That the following be inserted at the commencement of motion 17:

Christ, Himself a refugee as a small child, arms us as His church with His concern for the refugee today. He, through His Holy Spirit, inspires us to respond in love to human need and to seek to transform the unjust structures we see within our own society. Having noted such...”

Carried

The Reverend Dr C E Laufer moved, Dr R Kerr seconding, the following amendment:

“That the term ‘abandon’ in clause b) be replaced by the term ‘reassess’.”

Carried

The Reverend N J K Whereat moved the amended motion, the Reverend A J Paulsen seconding:

“Christ, Himself a refugee as a small child, arms us as His church with His concern for the refugee today. He, through His Holy Spirit, inspires us to respond in love to human need and to seek to transform the unjust structures we see within our own society. Having noted such, that this Synod:

- a) convey to the Federal Government in the strongest terms possible our shame and dismay at the plans to send refugees to Malaysia or to any other nation renewing the “Pacific Solution”;

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- b) strongly recommend to the Federal Government, UNHRC and the Opposition that it is time to reassess the mandatory detention policy and to treat asylum seekers as human beings and not as criminals or terrorists;
- c) encourage the people of the Anglican Church of Australia to write, email and twitter their local Member of Parliament and our Prime Minister to convey this message;
- d) encourage the Archbishop's Social Responsibility Committee to study the refugee situation and to develop a policy paper that we as a whole diocese can submit to the Federal Government and to the opposition for consideration and action
- e) encourage members of the Church and the community generally to reach out with generosity to all asylum seekers and refugees that come to our country."

Carried

30. Carbon Tax

Consideration on the motion and amendment resumed.

The Reverend M Nyrene moved the amended motion, Dr R McFadyen seconding:

"That this Synod, recognising our responsibility before God to care for the earth and all God's creation:

- a) Acknowledges that human production of carbon dioxide is contributing to an increase in the mean global surface temperature with serious consequences for life on this planet;
- b) Encourages the Australian Government to continue in taking steps to price carbon and regulate the emissions of our largest polluters;
- c) Lobbies the Australian Government to provide clear information to farmers and land holders about the impact on them of pricing carbon;
- d) Encourages AngliGreen to engage in discussion with representatives of farmers and landholders in our diocese in developing responses to environmental issues, acknowledging the commonality of a shared concern for the wellbeing of our land
- e) Urges Anglicans in the Diocese of Brisbane to contribute to public debate on this topic towards achieving a price on carbon; and
- f) Encourages clergy and lay people of this Diocese to individually and collectively express to the Federal Government their appreciation of the initiative on climate change, and to urge the Government that action not be delayed and that the revenue generated by a carbon tax be directed towards the further development of renewable energy."

The Reverend S Webb moved, Mr K Hutton seconding, the following amendment:

"That clause f) be deleted and the following substituted:

f) encourages Clergy and Lay People of this Diocese to individually and collectively express to the Federal Government our belief that initiatives on climate change should continue, and to urge the Government not to delay these initiatives, and to further ensure that only revenues derived from regulating resulting carbon emissions be directed towards further development of renewable energy."

Carried

The Reverend M Nyrene moved the amended motion, Dr R McFadyen seconding:

"That this Synod, recognising our responsibility before God to care for the earth and all God's creation:

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- a) Acknowledges that human production of carbon dioxide is contributing to an increase in the mean global surface temperature with serious consequences for life on this planet;
- b) encourages the Australian Government to continue in taking steps to price carbon and regulate the emissions of our largest polluters;
- c) Lobbies the Australian Government to provide clear information to farmers and land holders about the impact on them of pricing carbon;
- d) Encourages AngliGreen to engage in discussion with representatives of farmers and landholders in our diocese in developing responses to environmental issues, acknowledging the commonality of a shared concern for the wellbeing of our land;
- e) Urges Anglicans in the Diocese of Brisbane to contribute to public debate on this topic towards achieving a price on carbon; and
- f) encourages Clergy and Lay People of this Diocese to individually and collectively express to the Federal Government our belief that initiatives on climate change should continue, and to urge the Government not to delay these initiatives, and to further ensure that only revenues derived from regulating resulting carbon emissions be directed towards further development of renewable energy.”

Carried

31. Archbishop's Emergency Relief Fund

Motion 18. By leave, the Reverend K C Terpstra to move, the Reverend W F Colbrahams seconding:

“That this Synod:

- i) Gives thanks to God for the Archbishop's Emergency Relief Fund, for the generosity of all those who have contributed to it, and the prompt and appropriate distribution of funds to those in need;
- ii) Notes with rejoicing that the receipts to the Fund to date total \$1,013,169, with distributions totalling \$996,449;
- iii) Commends the Fund and the ministry it makes possible to the continuing prayers and financial support of members of the Diocese and the wider community;
- iv) Gives thanks to God, and expresses appreciation on behalf of those affected by recent disasters, for the prayer, emotional, physical and material support received from an overwhelming number of people, parishes and agencies both local and far distant; and
- v) Asks members of the Diocese to continue to pray for victims of floods, cyclones and storms who are still in the process of healing and restoration.”

Carried

32. Mental Health and Well-Being

Motion 19. By leave, the Reverend M C Uptin to move, the Reverend S E Kjellgren seconding:

“That this Synod:

- a) Notes that the 2007 National Survey of Mental Health and Well-Being showed that: nearly half of the Australian population (45.5% aged 16-85 or 7.3 million people) met criteria for an anxiety, depressive and/or substance disorder at some stage in their lifetime; one in five Australians experienced a mental disorder in the past 12 months; and one in ten Australians experienced a mental disorder in the past 30 days.

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- b) Notes with appreciation to the Australian Federal Government, the increase in funding for Mental Health in the 2011-2012 budget;
- c) Expresses its concern that, to assist in funding some initiatives in the 2011-2012 budget, the Federal Government has cut both the Medicare rebate for GP mental health plans and reduced the number of Medicare-funded psychologists visits from 12 to 6 per year;
- d) Urges the Federal Government to review this decision; and
- e) Encourages all parishioners in the Diocese to become more informed about Mental Health issues.”

The Reverend Z Everingham moved, the Very Reverend Dr P C Catt seconding, the following amendment:

“That a new clause e) be inserted as follows:

‘e) asks the Archbishop’s Social Responsibilities Committee to resource the Church to lobby the QLD and NSW governments to resolve differences in the corresponding State Mental Health Acts in order to enable a more cohesive approach to the care of mental health clients in border towns; and’

and existing clause e) be renamed f).”

Carried

The Reverend M C Uptin moved the amended motion, the Reverend S E Kjellgren seconding:

“That this Synod:

- a) Notes that the 2007 National Survey of Mental Health and Well-Being showed that: nearly half of the Australian population (45.5% aged 16-85 or 7.3 million people) met criteria for an anxiety, depressive and/or substance disorder at some stage in their lifetime; one in five Australians experienced a mental disorder in the past 12 months; and one in ten Australians experienced a mental disorder in the past 30 days.
- b) Notes with appreciation to the Australian Federal Government, the increase in funding for Mental Health in the 2011-2012 budget;
- c) Expresses its concern that, to assist in funding some initiatives in the 2011-2012 budget, the Federal Government has cut both the Medicare rebate for GP mental health plans and reduced the number of Medicare-funded psychologists visits from 12 to 6 per year;
- d) Urges the Federal Government to review this decision; and
- e) Asks the Archbishop’s Social Responsibilities Committee to resource the Church to lobby the QLD and NSW governments to resolve differences in the corresponding State Mental Health Acts in order to enable a more cohesive approach to the care of mental health clients in border towns; and
- f) Encourages all parishioners in the Diocese to become more informed about Mental Health issues.”

Carried

33. Election Results

The President declared the results of the elections.

34. Thanks of Synod

By leave of Synod, the Right Reverend G M Smith moved, Dr T M Nicholson seconding,

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“That the thanks of Synod be accorded to –

- His Grace the Archbishop as President of Synod,
- the Chairman of Committees,
- the Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor,
- the Chaplain to Synod,
- the Treasurer of Synod,
- the Clerical and Lay Secretaries of Synod,
- the Minutes Committee,
- the Timekeeper,
- the General Manager,
- and volunteers assisting, particularly with the secretarial work,

for their care and attention to the conduct of Synod and the preparation thereof.

Carried with acclamation

35. Thanks of Synod

By leave of Synod, the Reverend K A Goodger moved, Mr A A L Thomson seconding,

“That the thanks of Synod be accorded to –

- the Headmaster, Mr Jonathan Hensman, and staff of the Anglican Church Grammar School, in particular to Ms Diane Cross for the use of facilities of the School;
- Anglican Financial Services for their enjoyable catering efforts;
- the many volunteers who provided informative displays during the Synod;
- the Reverend Keren Terpstra for providing the music for morning worship;
- the staff of the General Manager’s Office, in particular, Miss Stephanie Roberts, Mr Denis Wright, Mr Daryll McMahon and ICT Staff for being available during Synod; and
- the Dean and Cathedral personnel for the splendid Service on Friday evening;

and also accords particular thanks to Miss Rosie Morel for her secretarial assistance and to members of AngliGreen for organising and leading the worship on the worship on Saturday evening.

Carried with acclamation

36. Minutes

The Chancellor moved that the President confirm the Minutes of today’s sitting when certified as a true record by the Minutes Committee.

Carried

37. Adjournment

The President adjourned the Synod at 6:05pm and pronounced the Blessing.

38. Attendance

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| Clergy | 161 |
| Lay | 240 |

*Confirmed
Philip R. N. B. C.
19th June 2011*

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DIOCESAN COUNCIL

| Members of the Clergy | | Members of Laity | |
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| <i>Elected</i> | | <i>Elected</i> | <i>s</i> |
| HARCH, The Ven G | | REID, Mr T C | |
| BOWLES, The Rev R | | KERR, Dr R | |
| FREE, The Rev Canon Dr M | | DASHWOOD, Dr A | |
| HOYTE, The Rev G | | McFADYEN, Dr R | |
| THOMSON, The Rev Dr C | | MOLLOY, Mrs S | |

Members of Cathedral Chapter

| Members of Laity | | | | |
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| | | | <i>No election required</i> | <i>Votes</i> |
| | | | Betts, Mr David | |
| | | | Mullins, Justice Debra | |

Members of the Board of Enquiry under the Tribunal Canon

| Members of the Clergy | | Members of Laity | |
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| <i>No election required</i> | <i>Votes</i> | <i>No election required</i> | <i>Votes</i> |
| Thomson, Rev Dr Catherine | | | |
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| <i>1 Vacancy</i> | | <i>2 Vacancies</i> | |

Panel of Triers under the Tribunal Canon

| Members of the Clergy | | Members of Laity | |
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| <i>No election required</i> | <i>Votes</i> | <i>No election required</i> | <i>Votes</i> |
| Kjellgren, Rev Sandra | | Gallimore, Mr Alan | |
| McPherson, Rev Canon Dr James | | McFadyen, Dr Rachel | |
| Nicholson, Rev Colin | | | |
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DIOCESAN NOMINATORS

| Members of the Clergy | | Members of Laity | |
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| <i>Elected</i> | <i>Votes</i> | <i>Elected</i> | |
| CROMBIE, The Rev J | | GALLIMORE, Mr A | |
| CATT, The Very Rev Dr P | | | |
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| <i>Reserve Nominators</i> | | <i>Reserve Nominators</i> | |
| UPTIN, The Rev M | | NICHOLSON, Dr T | |
| CALDER, The Rev M | | CRAWFORD, Mr A | |
| HALL, The Rev J | | SAUER, Mr A | |
| NICHOLSON, The Rev C | | | |

MEMBERS OF ARCHBISHOP ELECTION COMMITTEE

| Members of the Clergy | | Members of Laity | |
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| CROMBIE, The Rev J | | DE JERSEY, Hon Justice P | |
| HOLLAND, The Rt Rev Dr J C | | REID, Mr T C | |
| HARCH, The Ven G | | WALKER, Mr I | |
| CATT, The Very Rev Dr P | | MULLINS, Justice D | |
| BOWLES, The Rev R | | GALLIMORE, Mr A | |
| HOYTE, The Rev G | | CRAWFORD, Mr a | |
| CROTHERS-ROBERTSON, The Rev S | | KERR, Dr R | |
| MARCH, The Ven G | | MCFADYEN, Dr R | |
| UPTIN, The Rev M | | THOMSON, Mr A | |
| KJELLGREN, The Rev S | | MOLLOY, Mrs S | |
| JOHNSON, The Rev L | | NICHOLSON, Dr T | |
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