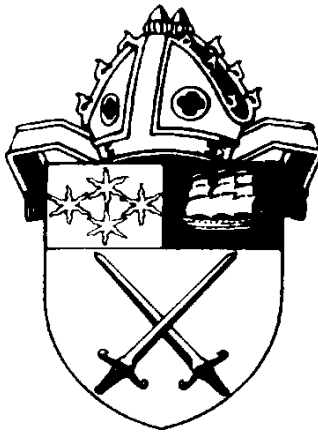


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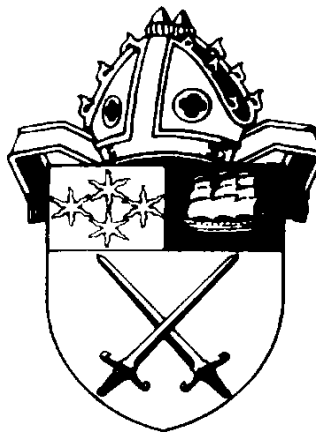


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**MOTIONS, QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

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## ACTIONS ON MOTIONS WITH NOTICE 2022

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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2022/1</b>       |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Coercive Control     |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Rev'd Carol Reid     |
| <b>Seconder</b> | Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris |

**That:**

### **TEXT OF MOTION:**

**This synod:**

- 1. Supports and encourages the agreement reached by Attorneys-General to provide, by early 2023, a nationally consistent approach to address the form of domestic violence known as coercive control.**
- 2. Asks the Bishop-in-Council to write to both the WA State and Federal Attorneys General in support of this critical work.**
- 3. Asks Bishop-in-Council to speak with the newly formed Families and Culture Commission of General Synod, which is tackling intimate partner violence within the church, and to seek its support for this initiative.**
- 4. Asks Bishop-in-Council to commend this work to our Diocesan Social Justice Commission and the Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority to explore education and training as part of our safe church community building work.**

### **EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

Around 75% of Anglican Clergy were aware of people in their churches who have been victims of abuse by an intimate partner. The research undertaken by the Anglican Church, the first of its kind among churches in Australia, has highlighted women are overwhelmingly victims of violence perpetrated by men.

Most men do not commit violence, yet most of the violence that does happen is at the hands of a current or former partner and is gendered, with men more likely than women to perpetrate it and more likely to use frequent, prolonged, and extreme violence – a quote from Rev'd Tracey Lauersen

Coercive control is not a “new” concept. What is new are the discussions around criminalization of this patterned form of behaviour that is cumulative and ongoing. This pattern of behaviour may or may not include physical violence, but rather includes a wide range of controlling and psychologically abusive behaviours that together function to control the victim.

This form of violence is widespread, not understood, uses a wide range of definitions and experiences. It is hoped this work by our state and federal governments will help to educate the wider community and our church communities about coercive control and its insidious and the frequently unrecognised nature of the violence.

**Update**

**Numbers 3 and 4 have been actioned.**

**Numbers 1 and 2 have not yet been actioned, they are in progress.**

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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2022/2</b>                    |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Aged Care and Disability Services |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Rev'd Justine Richmond            |
| <b>Seconder</b> | Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris              |

**That:**

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**That this Synod:**

- **Noting Resolution R59/18 of the General Synod of Australia, calls on the incoming Commonwealth Government to develop and communicate a strategic roadmap for improvements to Aged Care and Disability Care which implements the findings of the Aged Care and Disability Royal Commissions, enabling providers of both Aged Care and Disability Care to have long term confidence about sufficient funding for the provision of services, and assures people receiving support of the integrity of these systems.**
- **Calls on the Federal Government to ensure it remains person-centred in its approach, embedding flexibility, adaptability and respect for all Australians needing Aged and Disability Care services.**
- **Calls on the Federal Government to ensure families are included where appropriate and requested by the individuals, in the resolution of issues.**

**EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

The issues raised in both Royal Commissions highlight a breaking, financially challenged and inflexible system, run by bureaucrats and predicated on profitability by private providers in both sectors. This is unhelpful, bureaucratic, performative and not accountable. People are lost in these bureaucratic systems, waiting too long for care and receiving substandard care. The hospital system is also overrun with patients awaiting care.

The General Synod Resolution is as follows:

This General Synod in response to the findings of the Aged Care Royal Commission and in response to community concerns about the National Disability Insurance Scheme and in response to issues being raised in the Disability Royal Commission calls on the

incoming Commonwealth Government to develop and communicate a strategic roadmap for improvement to Aged Care and Disability Care which implements the findings of the Aged Care and Disability Royal Commissions, enables providers of Aged Care and Disability Care to have long-term confidence about sufficient funding for the provision of services, and assures people receiving support of the integrity of these systems. R59/18

**Update**

**We have noted the Governor's department of Aged Care in particular.**

**We have written to the Minister specifically to ensure families are included and about being person-centred in its approach.**



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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2022/3</b>                |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Reform to Abortion Laws in WA |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Rev'd Jamie Murray            |
| <b>Seconded</b> | Mrs Suzanne Saunders          |

**That:**

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**That this Synod requests the bishop writes to the Hon Minister for Health, and the Hon Minister for Women's Affairs, and all State MPs with electorates in the Diocese of Bunbury, and urges them to consider the following during their discussions on the reform of abortion laws in WA;**

- **to ban gender-based abortions.**
- **to persist in restricting surgical abortions to 20 weeks (given 23 weeks is now proving viable for premature births).**
- **to retain the process of two doctors deciding with the mother about the abortion. This recognises that ending the life of a mother's unborn baby is a very significant decision and needs to be carefully supported.**
- **to retain the 6-doctor ethics panel post 20 weeks, so that we continue to have stringent requirements that undertake to care for health of the unborn child as well as for the mother.**
- **that anaesthesia should be administered to the unborn child before abortion procedures.**
- **to require that babies born alive should receive medical treatment as with any premature babies.**
- **Synod further invites Parishes to individually pursue this by letter to their respective state representatives and to the Honourable Ministers for Health, and Women's Affairs.**

**EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

The overturning of the Roe vs Wade ruling by the US Supreme Court has reignited public debate on abortion in Western Australia. This has led the Labour Government to announce that they plan to 'modernise' WA's 'out of date' abortion legislation. In the 7 synods I have attended not once has this issue been raised or discussed . Meanwhile the number of abortions has continued with over 7000 + each year.

Consequently, there is an opportunity here to be a voice for the most vulnerable in our society, namely unborn children. It is vitally important that we take the opportunity to speak into this debate as our politicians and health professionals make recommendations and form policy internally, and without public consultation.

It is probable that "modernisation" will equate to simplification, increasing the ease of access and affordability of abortion in WA, and to remove abortion from the Criminal Code altogether. Little has been heard about the rights of the unborn child, and so we believe it is important that Synod can speak to this aspect of the governmental review.

The State Governments reports on Abortion between 2016 and 2018 in this document:

'Induced Abortions in Western Australia, 2016 – 2018 – in brief, Sixth Report of the Abortion Notification System

The overall number of induced abortions notified in WA since 2002 reached a peak of 8,908 in 2009. It has been steadily decreasing since then, reaching the lowest recorded number of 7,816 in 2018. I am more than aware that within our synod there may be members who themselves have had abortions. I also know that some have had the heavy weight of responsibility in social or health care and may have faced extremely difficult decisions around abortion. Some of us have had to offer and will continue to offer pastoral care for those affected by abortion.

### **Supporting documentation**

**Induced Abortions in Western Australia, 2016 – 2018 – in brief, Sixth Report of the Abortion Notification System**

**Abortion: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/abortion>**

**Induced abortion in Western Australia 1999-2004 Dept. of Health WA July 2005**

#### **Update**

**A letter has been written to all our MLA's that are in parts of our diocese.**

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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2022/4</b>  |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Celebrating 30 years of the ordination of women in the Anglican Church of Australia |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris  |
| <b>Seconder</b> | Mrs Marilyn Royer   |

**That:**

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**That this Synod gives thanks to God as it:**

- **recognises this year marks the 30th anniversary of the ordination of the first women priests in the Anglican Church of Australia and by the end of 1992, 92 women had been ordained priests in Australia**
- **notes, according to the Anglican Church Directory 2020-2021, there were 3831 clergy of whom 888 (23%) are women. Of this number, there are 7 Bishops, 397 active priests, 171 active deacons, 66 whose position is not specified and 247 who are retired**
- **specifically acknowledges and honours the important contribution ordained women have made and continue to make to worship, ministry and leadership in the Anglican church around the world and in Australia as deacons, priests, bishops and archbishops**
- **recognises this year is a time to observe and celebrate this anniversary across the nation in our churches and parishes and asks the Diocese to set aside a Sunday in 2022 to celebrate this achievement in all our church services**
- **celebrates the achievement of two of the original 92 ordained priests in 1992 are now Bishops: The Most Rev'd Kay Goldsworthy AO, the Archbishop of Perth and The Right Rev'd Kate Prowd in the Diocese of Melbourne. These two female leaders have made and continue to make significant contributions to our lives as Christians in the church**

- celebrates the ordained women currently serving in ordained ministry roles:

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| Rev'd Karen Cave           | Rev'd Susanna Kemp            |
| Rev'd Cathie Broome        | Rev'd Helen Barnard           |
| Rev'd Rose Guok            | Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris          |
| Rev'd Mary Esslemont       | Rev'd Justine Richmond        |
| Rev'd Carolyn Cohen (D)    | Rev'd Mavis Tyler             |
| Rev'd Lynda Myres          | Rev'd Marion Prowse           |
| Rev'd Carol Reid           | Rev'd Cn Linley Matthews-Want |
| Rev'd Vicki Webb (D)       | Rev'd Cn Karon Austin         |
| Rev'd Sally Buckley        | Rev'd Jacqui Chesley-Ingle    |
| Rev'd Sue Lodge-Calvert    | Rev'd Marjorie Stranger       |
| Rev'd Cn Carol Morgan      | Rev'd Hilary Kan (D)'         |
| Rev'd Genevieve Milnes (D) | Rev'd Esther Leach            |

- honours those women clergy who have served before us in the Diocese of Bunbury over the last 30 years:

**EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

This Motion is substantially similar to the Motion put to General Synod 2022 by The Rt Rev'd Dr Keith Joseph moving and Justice Debra Mullins AO seconding.

We note across the currently licensed parish Clergy, there are currently 19 women clergy holding positions in our parishes. There are a number of vacant parishes. The contribution of women to this diocese as clergy and as LLMs is profound and we honour their hard work and service to God and God's people. Thank you.

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| <p><b>Update</b><br/> <b>No update required.</b></p> |
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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2022/5</b>                             |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Amendment to Faithfulness in Service (FIS) |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris                       |
| <b>Seconded</b> | Rev'd Ian Mabey                            |

**That:**

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**That this Synod:**

**Noting that Faithfulness in Service is used in this Diocese for all clergy and available to all who chose to abide by its contents, be amended as follows:**

- **In Section 7.2: placing a full stop after ‘taking responsibility for their sexual conduct’ and removing the words, ‘by maintaining chastity in singleness and faithfulness in marriage’.**
- **In Section 7.4: replacing the words in Section 7.4 with ‘Your sexual behaviour should be characterised by faithfulness and integrity’.**

**EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

Sections 7.2 and 7.4 currently read:

7.2 Sexuality is a gift from God and is integral to human nature. It is appropriate for **clergy** and **church workers** to value this gift, taking responsibility for their sexual conduct by maintaining chastity in singleness and faithfulness in marriage.

7.4 You are to be chaste and not engage in sex outside of marriage and not engage in disgraceful conduct of a sexual nature.

***The revised sections 7.2 and 7.4 would read:***

7.2 Sexuality is a gift from God and is integral to human nature. It is appropriate for **clergy** and **church workers** to value this gift, taking responsibility for their sexual conduct.

#### 7.4 Your sexual behaviour should be characterised by faithfulness and integrity.

In our diocese we have more than one Code of Conduct, one specifically for our clergy (FIS), and another for LLMs, Church Workers and Authorised Workers called Being Together. Our Diocese has previously discussed Faithfulness in Service (FIS) being also adopted by all people working in our parishes. In reality, this is not the case. Over the last few years, a number of Dioceses have changed and amended Faithfulness in Service and although there are 23 diocese in the Anglican Church of Australia, there are now several versions of FIS and FIS has not been kept unchanged since its adoption in 2004. In recent Synods in the last year, two more diocese have changed FIS to reflect more appropriately and honestly the expectations of its people and in particular, these sections of the Code.

This proposed simplified version of these two clauses provides for greater respect and dignity to be provided by all who commit to respectful, faithful sexual behaviour in their discipleship to God. Practically, the capacity of anyone to define disgraceful sexual conduct is not clear, and faithfulness in marriage does not necessarily mean respect, commitment or integrity in practice by focusing simply on chastity or explanations of disgraceful conduct.

#### **Update**

**This motion was adopted and Faithfulness in Service altered accordingly.**

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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2022/6</b>           |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Being the Body of Christ |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris     |
| <b>Seconder</b> | Rev'd Cn Geoff Chadwick  |

**That:**

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**This synod:**

- a) acknowledging there are several theological and spiritual cultures within the Anglican Church of Australia,**
- b) recognising the persons within each culture adhere to it for reasons of belief conscientiously held in adherence to holy scripture as well as social identity, and**
- c) welcoming the strengths our diverse unity brings,**

**therefore, calls on all Anglicans, regardless of their cultural identity to:**

- a) respect one another's cultures**
- b) build on what we hold in common**
- c) affirm the separation of any one of us diminishes us all, and**
- d) where we differ, seek 'in the spirit of Philippians 3:13, 'forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,' to discover each other's faith as it is today and to appeal history only for enlightenment and not as a way of perpetuating past controversy' \***

**so that the gospel we proclaim may be attractive to the widest range of Australians to whom we seek to minister.**

**\* = From the aims of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC I) accessed 6 March 2022 at [www.anglicancentreinrome.org/arcic-i-ii-and-iii](http://www.anglicancentreinrome.org/arcic-i-ii-and-iii)**

## **EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

This Motion is taken substantially from the Motion of the same name put at General Synod. It was moved by Bishop Matt Brain and seconded by Rev'd Professor Dorothy Lee.

Its origins lie in the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and represents decades of work and the commitment to unity between the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches and the successes achieved by this commitment to being in the body of Christ. In our circumstances today it seems very appropriate and helpful to affirm this commitment.

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| <p><b>Update</b><br/><b>No update required.</b></p> |
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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2022/7</b>  |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Keeping Communion and Grieving Brokenness in our Anglican Church of Australia |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris  |
| <b>Seconder</b> | The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton  |

**That:**

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**That this Synod:**

- **Adopts the stance taken by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the recent Lambeth Conference on the matters concerning human sexuality within the wider debate of human dignity.**
- **Notes we all oppose sexual violence in conflict, abuse of the vulnerable and violence against minorities and women.**
- **Acknowledges the discussion about human dignity also critically encompasses sexuality, because the central theological foundation is all human beings are of equal worth, loved by God and are the ones for whom Jesus died on the Cross and rose to life. As Paul said in Romans: there is no distinction.**
- **Understands with deep love, whatever our theological, pastoral, exegetical and hermeneutical position on the subject of marriage, we have all arrived at our current understandings after long and discerning prayer, deep, careful and open study of the scripture and out of love of Christ, and with continued reflection upon the understandings in the 21st century on human nature using our God-given reasoning.**
- **Wishes to treat each other with deep respect, integrity and open, appreciative enquiry as we explore other perspectives.**
- **Acknowledges with grief and recognition we are deeply divided on this matter and this will likely not end soon, while noting we are called by Christ to truth and unity.**

- **Understands some dioceses continue to affirm heterosexual marriage only while others have blessed and welcomed same-sex union of marriage, after careful theological reflection and a process of reception.**
- **Welcomes the Archbishop of Canterbury's statement there will be no sanctions or exclusions for the deeply held views of all engaged in the discernment and rather we continue to focus on pastoral care and a willingness to hold the tensions, differences and shared understanding with respect and integrity for one another and God in this debate.**
- **Notes truth and unity must be held together although church history says this can sometimes take a long time. We will walk the Way. We give thanks for the Archbishop of Canterbury's commitment stating he does not have, nor does he seek the authority to discipline or exclude a church of the Anglican Communion for its perspectives and position on this matter.**
- **Knows we look to our Synod to express its understanding of the divisions which exist here and which in our Diocese and in the Anglican Church of Australia, affirms marriage is not considered a matter pertaining to salvation in this Church as acknowledged by the recent decisions by the Appellate Tribunal Wangaratta Reference [401] providing for the capacity for the fullness of the debate and difference to be held respectfully in our Diocese as it is discerned. We recognise in heaven we shall neither marry nor be given in marriage (Mark 12:25).**
- **Notes at no point in the process of the General Synod's passing of canons relating to holy matrimony (Solemnisation of Matrimony Canon 1981, Marriage of Divorced Persons Canon 1981, Matrimony (Prohibited Relationships) Canon 1981) was reference made to constitutional impediments to such, as noted by the Appellate Tribunal Wangaratta Reference [141].**

- **Acknowledges the continual evolution with the church, including the Anglican Church of Australia, of its position on moral issues - such as slavery, capital punishment, interracial marriage, contraception, the equality of men and women - and the concomitant absence of any such moral injunctions in the historic Creeds.**

#### **EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

This motion includes direct quotes from the brief introductory speech spoken by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the Call to Human Dignity at the 2022 Lambeth Conference and the debate at the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia in May 2022. In acknowledging the deep divisions in this diocese, this Motion seeks to provide open discussion about the differences, enable these to be heard respectfully and understand clergy and parishes have different views on Same-Sex Marriage and Same-Sex blessings and our prayer is this does not become the reason to break apart and their good to be celebrated as providing an enrichment of the Christian understanding of marriage as a witness to God's grace and love, consistent with the testimony of Scripture and Anglican Tradition as expressed in the historic Creeds.

**Update**

**No update required.**

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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2022/8</b>   |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Strong Statement of Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris   |
| <b>Seconder</b> | Dr Don Reid  |

**That:**

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**That this Synod:**

**Notes the Australian bishops who attended the Lambeth Conference have released a Statement of Support for First Nations Peoples - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People – of Australia.**

**The Australian bishops present at the Lambeth conference 2022 celebrate the support of the bishops called together by the Archbishop of Canterbury for the Lambeth Conference 2022 for the ‘Statement of Support regarding Indigenous peoples in Canada and around the world’. The Statement recognised and regretted the impacts of colonization that ‘stripped Indigenous peoples of their agency, identity, languages, cultures and governance; colluded with the Doctrine of Discovery (in the Australian context, the aspirations and impact of British imperialism), including corrosive government policies; denigrated their spiritual heritages; prohibited ceremonies and stole their land’. We also acknowledge that many First Nations peoples rejoice in the gift of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and now serve the church in leadership throughout Australia.**

**With deep repentance the Australian bishops present at Lambeth 2022 recognise that the Anglican Church of Australia colluded in the above and within our own history aided the forced removal of First Nations children from their parents (the Stolen Generations) which has resulted in inter-generational trauma for many First Nations peoples. The Anglican Church or Australia acknowledges its own sinfulness in this regards, has sought forgiveness, but continues to walk with First Nations peoples on the long journey or reconciliation.**

**The Australian bishops present at Lambeth 2022 recognise the issues brought about by the colonization of Australia on the First Nations peoples that need our prayer, advocacy, and action include: poverty; climate change, in particular, but not exclusively, rising sea levels that are having devastating consequences for the Torres Strait Islander peoples; inadequate housing; under employment; youth suicide; appallingly high levels of youth and adult incarceration; deaths in custody; substance abuse and addiction; domestic and other forms of violence, low levels of education, and the ongoing presence of racism among the general population of Australia and its institutions, including the church.**

**The Australian bishops present at Lambeth 2022 acknowledge the riches that First Nations cultures bring to the Australian people and rejoice that this is beginning to be valued by many in Australia and the Church. We support the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' and encourage a First Nations voice to be heard in the federal and state parliaments of our land. We join with the bishops present at Lambeth 2022 in committing ourselves to 'walk with and support Indigenous peoples around the world....'**

**The Australian bishops present at Lambeth 2022**

**The Most Rev'd Geoff Smith – Primate**

**The Most Rev'd Kay Goldsworthy**

**The Most Rev'd Dr Philip Freier**

**The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod**

**The Rt Rev'd Dr Keith Joseph**

**The Rt Rev'd Cameron Venables**

**The Rt Rev'd Jeremy Greaves**

**The Rt Rev'd John Roundhill**

**The Rt Rev'd Grant Dibden**

**The Rt Rev'd Dr Greg Anderson**

**The Rt Rev'd Dr Mark Short**

**The Rt Rev'd Dr Richard Treloar**

**The Rt Rev'd Dr Peter Stuart**

**The Rt Rev'd Dr Matthew Brain**

**The Rt Rev'd Ian Coutts**

**The Rt Rev'd Charles Murry**

**The Rt Rev'd Sonia Roulston**

**The Rt Rev'd Carol Wagner**

**The Rt Rev'd Dr Paul Barker**  
**The Rt Rev'd Dr Brad Billings**  
**The Rt Rev'd Kate Prowd**  
**The Rt Rev'd Jeremy James**  
**The Rt Rev'd Clarence Bester**  
**The Rt Rev'd Genieve Blackwell**  
**The Rt Rev'd Donald Kirk**  
**The Rt Rev'd Murray Harvey**  
**The Rt Rev'd Dr Tim Harris**  
**The Rt Rev'd Denise Ferguson**  
**The Rt Rev'd Peter Grice**

**EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

Taken from the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia

This statement is strongly supported by the Diocesan Reconciliation Working Party, a Committee of the Bishop-in-Council and recommended to Synod for endorsement.

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| <b>Update</b><br><b>No update required.</b> |
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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2022/9</b>                                      |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Amnesty International Petition – Children in Prison |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Mr Don Reid   |
| <b>Seconded</b> | Mrs Susan Davies                                    |

**That:**

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**That this Synod:**

**Writes in support of the Amnesty International petition to raise the age of imprisonment for children to 14 years of age.**

**The petition itself may be found at this website:**

**EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

**Across Australia, children as young as 10 are charged, brought before a court, sentenced, and locked up behind bars. Kids belong in school, not prison.**

Despite overwhelming evidence from health experts, social workers, Indigenous leaders, legal experts, and human rights organisations, Australian Governments are choosing to lock up children as young as 10 years old. Given the ongoing legacy of colonisation and its impact on the justice system, this disproportionately impacts First Nations children.

When children this young are forced through a criminal legal process, their health, wellbeing, and future are put at risk. Punitive approaches simply don't work, and we know this. Sending children to prison is not a solution.

First Nations communities have the solutions and have proven track records in successfully addressing the causes of behaviour that children are exhibiting and seeing them come into contact with the criminal justice system. Governments should be funding these tested First Nations-led solutions and community programs that have far better outcomes for children and communities.

The ACT is the first jurisdiction in Australia to make a commitment to bring its laws in line with UN standards by working to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 14. Now it's time for the rest of the country to follow this leadership.

**Update**

**A letter has been written to the WA Attorney General.**



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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2022/10</b>  |
| <b>Motion</b>   | In support of the people of Ukraine and in protest at the war instigated and sustained by the Russian President, putting Ukrainian and Russian lives in peril. |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Rev'd Cathie Broome  |
| <b>Seconder</b> | Mrs Colleen Bandy  |

**That:**

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**That this Synod:**

- **deplores the clear and flagrant breach of international law by the Russian Government invading Ukraine and also the crimes against humanity and war crimes that have been and are continuing, allegedly to be committed during the war;**
- **condemns the actions of President Vladimir Putin of Russia in initiating and continuing the war against the democratically elected government of Ukraine and the slaughter and dispossession of the people of Ukraine;**
- **expresses its support and prayers for the people of Ukraine and the extraordinary suffering they are experiencing in so many ways and assures them of the love and sympathy of this Church for them in their plight;**
- **calls upon our Christian sisters and brothers of the Russian Orthodox Church and Russian Protestant Churches to use their voices and influence to oppose the continued deaths, destruction, torture and rape as weapons of war, the displacement and dispossession of the people, the homes and the country of their neighbour Ukraine and their fellow Christians; and,**
- **commends those priests and laity of the Russian Orthodox Church and Russian Protestant Churches who have called upon their Church leadership and the Russian State Leadership to condemn and desist from this invasion and war;**
- **requests this Diocese establish common prayers to be shared among all parishes for use in daily prayers and services of worship as we call for peace;**
- **calls upon our Federal Government to provide additional refugee visas for families and individuals fleeing Ukraine and**

**requests the Bishop on behalf of this Synod, to write to the Federal Minister for Immigration in support of this request for humanitarian visas to be issued more promptly for those fleeing the war and for aid to be made available on arrival.**

### **EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

This Motion is taken substantially from the Resolution passed at General Synod R103/18. It was moved by Rev'd Patrick Cole, Acting Justice Richard Refshauge seconding.

#### **Update**

**Some prayers from the Ven David Thornton-Wakeford were circulated.**

**We have not written to the Federal Minister.**

## MOTIONS WITH NOTICE 2022

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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2023/01</b>                            |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Amendment to Faithfulness in Service (FIS) |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Rev'd Shane Marques                        |
| <b>Seconder</b> | Rev'd Paul Watson                          |

### TEXT OF MOTION:

Noting that Faithfulness in Service is used in this Diocese for all clergy and available to all who chose to abide by its contents, be amended as follows:

#### ***Sections 7.2 and 7.4 currently read (as per passed motion M2022/5):***

7.2 Sexuality is a gift from God and is integral to human nature. It is appropriate for clergy and church workers to value this gift, taking responsibility for their sexual conduct.

7.4 Your sexual behaviour should be characterised by faithfulness and integrity.

#### ***The revised sections 7.2 and 7.4 would read (as per original wording):***

7.2 Sexuality is a gift from God and is integral to human nature. It is appropriate for clergy and church workers to value this gift, taking responsibility for their sexual conduct by maintaining chastity in singleness and faithfulness in marriage.

7.4 You are to be chaste and not engage in sex outside of marriage and not engage in disgraceful conduct of a sexual nature.

## **EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

This proposed amendment reflects a reversal of the motion M2022/5 that was passed by synod 2022.

The purpose of a code of conduct is to provide explicit descriptions of conduct that is, and is not acceptable. The amended wording that was passed at Synod 2022 undermines this principle and creates ambiguity in this regard. This motion seeks to reverse this, and restore the original FIS wording of sections 7.2 and 7.4.

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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2023/02</b>               |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Human Sexuality               |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Daphne Carol Cross            |
| <b>Seconder</b> | Rachel-Anne Catherine Sambell |

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

That this Synod:

- Acknowledges that the deep divisions within the Anglican Church concerning alternative forms of human sexuality have harmed our witness to our neighbours and to the families and communities within which we minister as Christ’s representatives.
- Recognises that in the past, General Synod and this Diocese has set up a number of initiatives to aid the processes of understanding and reconciliation on this matter. These include:
  - a) General Synod’s 2004 commitment to “listen to the experience of homosexual persons”.
  - b) Encouragement of church members to study the 2001 General Synod Doctrine Panel’s Report: *Faithfulness in Fellowship: Reflections on homosexuality and the Church*.
  - c) A motion at the 2014 Bunbury Synod which reads in part:
 

*“c) Acknowledges that members of the church, in good faith, hold a diversity of opinions as to how complex issues are to be assessed and responded to and calls on dioceses to deepen our churches’ capacity for respectful dialogue and provide us with more means for acting wisely and faithfully on complex issues (General Synod resolution 37.)”*

d) Engagement with the 2007 *General Synod Listening Process* at the 2012 Bunbury Synod where the experiences of some homosexual persons were heard and discussed.

- Notes that groups such as the *National Comprehensive Anglicanism Network* in the Diocese of Melbourne have been formed to promote informed discussion on differing views of human sexuality.
- Understands that differing views are held with integrity.
- Encourages our church to offer forgiveness to those who have been hurt by our divisions.
- And encourages our church members to hear each other's differences with humility and respect.

#### **EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

Current estimates from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care state that approximately 11% of the population identify as lesbian, gay, transgender, or intersex.

This issue is causing an almost unprecedented division in the Anglican Church at present. Reflecting on this, I realised that almost everyone I know has a brother or sister, aunt, uncle, cousin, parent, grandparent, child, or grandchild who is lesbian, gay, or transgender. These are real people who matter to their families.

The best advances in scientific knowledge about “what makes us tick” cannot determine what causes a person to have one of these alternative gender identities. There are a few conditions, such as those arising from disorders of the body's endocrine system or its genetic make-up, where the causes are known.

What is clear is that most people do not consciously, or even unconsciously, “choose” an alternative sexual orientation or identity. For whatever reason, it is something that they are born with, and it most often emerges as an issue for them as they reach puberty. And these issues occur in families across the whole spectrum of social class and functionality in society.

It is of utmost importance that we work through the issues together based on what Jesus would have us do; and continue to care for one another despite our different views.

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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>M2023/03</b>   |
| <b>Motion</b>   | Pacific Islanders seek Australia's support regarding climate change |
| <b>Mover</b>    | Mr Adrian Price   |
| <b>Seconder</b> | Mrs Anne Ritson   |

## **TEXT OF MOTION**

That this Synod

1. Supports the Pacific Conference of Churches to do more to increase awareness among parishes and governments about the plight of Pacific Island communities cause by climate change, and
2. Works towards persuading the Australian government to accept the Islander people as permanent residents.

## **EXPLANATION OF MOTION:**

Many South Pacific Islanders are among our closest neighbours and are at risk of side effects of climate change. These include an increase of severe cyclones, salinity affecting crops and drinking water and rising ocean levels.

Already, communities are considering having to leave the homes of their heritage as climate refugees to another country. Although it is not without some cost, Australia has absorbed people of many different cultures in the past, and currently accepts Pacific Islanders on a temporary basis to harvest our crops. Could we accept these people as permanent residents?

Australia is in a very favourable position to show the rest of the world ways of assisting our Pacific neighbours and minimizing the effect of climate change.







**ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BUNBURY**

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION**

I give notice that I will move the following amendment to the motion  
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**Adding the words:**

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**ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BUNBURY  
NOTICE OF MOTION**

**FULL NAME OF MOVER** *(please print)*:

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**FULL NAME OF SECONDER:**

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**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**That**

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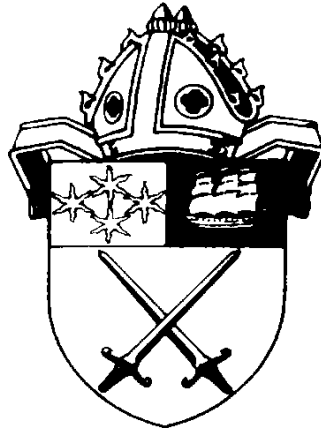
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**ITEM NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**  
**THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY**  
**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**



**SECOND SESSION  
OF THE  
FORTY-FIRST SYNOD  
2021 - 2023**

**BOOK SIX - 2023**

**DIOCESAN LEGISLATION**

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**BILL 01: THE PAROCHIAL STATUTE (TERM LIMITS)**  
**AMENDMENT BILL 2023 ..... 5**

# **DIOCESAN LEGISLATION PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

## **Step 1      General principles**

- i)      **MOVER:**            “I MOVE FOR LEAVE TO BRING IN A BILL FOR A STATUTE TO BE KNOWN AS .....” (Give TITLE AND PAGE NUMBER, in Business Paper)
- ii)     **SECONDER**      formally seconds.
- iii)    **MOVER:**            speaks on the general principles of the Bill and or reason for bringing it before Synod.
- iv)     **OTHERS:**          may speak (Clause 9, Rules of Debate in Synod apply as applicable).
- v)      **PRESIDENT:**      puts the motion (if lost the matter ends here)

## **Step 2      In Committee**

- vi)     **PRESIDENT:**      “DOES ANY PERSON WISH TO DEBATE THE BILL IN COMMITTEE?”
  - Either:                If no member answers “yes” the motion that the bill do now pass may be moved forthwith.
  - or:                     If any member answers “yes” then the Synod shall without motion, forthwith be deemed to have resolved itself into Committee to consider the bill in detail.
- vii)    **CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES** takes the Chair
  - a.                      The Bill will then be considered clause by clause with the Preamble and title being left until last.
  - b.                      The Mover only needs to speak when there is a desire to amend a clause, oppose or accept an amendment, or make an explanation.
  - c.                      When the committee has completed its consideration of the Bill the Synod shall be deemed to be reconvened. The Chairperson shall report to the President the Bill as agreed in Committee.

## **Step 3      In Synod**

- i)      **PRESIDENT:**      “THAT THE REPORT BE AGREED TO”
  - The Bill cannot move ahead until the Chairperson has endorsed a copy of the Bill as a true copy as agreed to by the Committee when completed at this or a subsequent sitting.
- ii)     **MOVER:**            “I MOVE THAT THIS BILL DO NOW PASS”

## **BILL 01: THE PAROCHIAL STATUTE (TERM LIMITS) AMENDMENT BILL 2023**

**FULL NAME OF MOVER: Dr Renae Barker**

**FULL NAME OF SECONDER: The Hon Kevin Prince**

Be it enacted by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Bunbury in Synod assembled:

1. This statute shall be known as “The Parochial Statute (Term Limits) Amendment Bill 2023”.
  
2. Section 12 of the Parochial Statute 2017 - 2021 is amended by:
  - a. inserting:

(d) For the purposes of clarity where, prior to being elected or appointed as a warden, a person has served as a parish councilor of the parish the time served as a parish councilor does not count towards the maximum term limit as a Warden.

and;
  - b. renumbering the remaining sub-section.
  
3. Schedule 1 of the Parochial Statute 2017 – 2021 is amended by:
  - a. In clause 5 (d) deleting the words “and other officers”,
  - b. In clause 19 (a) replacing the word “including” with “and”,
  - c. In clause 19 inserting:

(c) For the purposes of clarity where, prior to being elected or appointed as a warden, a person has served as a parish councilor of the parish the time served as a parish councilor does not count towards the maximum term limit as a Warden.

and;
  - d. renumbering the remaining sub-clauses in clause 19.
  
4. replacing the title “Parochial Statute 2017 - 2021” with “Parochial Statute 2017 - 2023”

**Explanatory Memorandum: Parochial Statute (term limits)**  
**Amendment Bill**

In 2017 the *Parochial Statute 2017 – 2021* introduced term limits for parish councillors and wardens. These were grandfathered with the effect that the first impacts of the term limits are due to be felt in 2024.

The current term limit for both Wardens (section 12) and Parish Councillors (Schedule 1 clause 5) (see also schedule 1 clause 19) is 6 consecutive years. After the term limit has been reached both wardens and parish councillors must take a break of at least one year. In the case of both wardens and parish councillors the initial term can be extended by the Bishop, however the wording is different. In the case of wardens it is “No extension beyond this period may occur without the permission of the Bishop” while for parish councillors it is “This rule may be waived by the Bishop at the request of the Parish Council and for good reason.”

A person may only become a warden if they have “Have been a member of the Parish Council in the parish for at least twelve months prior to being appointed or elected as warden”, although again the Bishop may vary the requirement.

The term limit for parish councillors does not apply to the Safe Church Person, treasurer or auditor.

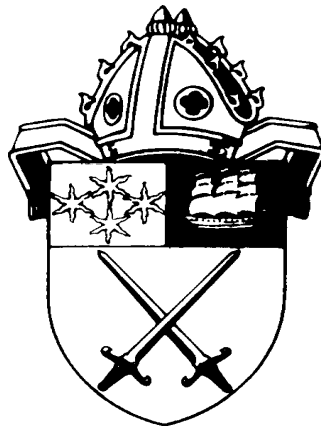
With the effective of term limits due to be implemented in 2024 it has become clear that the interaction between the parish councillor and warden term limits is being interpreted in two different ways across the diocese. This amendment is intended to clarify that the term limits are not cumulative. Time served as a parish councillor does not carry forward if a person is subsequently appointed or elected as a warden.

**MOVER: I move for leave to bring a Bill to update Parochial Statute 2017 – 2021 with ‘Parochial Statute 2017 – 2023’ on page 5 of Book Six.**

**MOTION**

**MOVER: I move this Bill do now pass.**

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**  
**THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY**  
**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**



**THIRD SESSION  
OF THE  
FORTY-FIRST SYNOD  
2021 - 2023**

**BOOK SEVEN - 2023**

**ELECTIONS**



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## BUNBURY DIOCESAN TRUSTEES

|                            |  |
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| 2 Clerical & 3 Lay Members | <p>Section 2 The Trustees Statute 1985-1991<br/>The Trustees shall be:</p> <p>Clerical:     The Bishop (Chairperson),<br/>                  The Administrator, and<br/>                  Two Trustees elected from Synod</p> <p>Lay:            The Diocesan Chancellor,<br/>                  The Diocesan Advocate,<br/>                  The Diocesan Secretary, and<br/>                  Three Trustees elected from Synod</p> <p>Ex Officio:    Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority Chair</p> |
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### Current Elected Diocesan Trustees

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Clerical Members</b> | <p>The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton<br/>The Rev'd Cn Ian Mabey</p>                    |
| <b>Lay Members</b>      | <p>Mr Peter Fitzgibbon<br/>Mrs Marilyn Royer<br/>Mrs Eleanor Lewin (resigned)</p> |

### For consideration:

Please read The Trustees Statute 1985 - 1991.

The Trustees are the legal entity for the Diocese and consequently hold significant legal and financial governance responsibilities and risk on behalf of the Diocese.

There are five Trustees meetings held each year in Bunbury; in February, April, June, August and November. These are held on a Thursday, and as all Trustees are also ex-officio members of Bishop-in-Council, it is a full day of meetings on each occasion with both meetings held on the same day. Each meeting takes half a day. The paperwork takes several hours to read and prepare on each occasion. Trustees also take on additional committees and reporting as required.

### Vacancy: 1

**One Lay Member** following the resignation of the Mrs Eleanor Lewin from the board

## BISHOP-IN-COUNCIL

|                            |  |
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| 3 Clerical & 3 Lay Members | <p>Section 3 The Bishop-in-Council Statute 1986 - 2010</p> <p>The Council shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Bishop</li> <li>b) The Administrator (ex-officio)<br/>The Archdeacons (ex-officio)<br/>The Priest-in charge-of the Cathedral Church (ex-officio)<br/>The Trustees (ex-officio)</li> <li>c) Two lay members of the Diocese appointed by the Bishop for the period of a Triennial Synod.</li> <li>d) Three clerical and three lay members elected at the first general session of each Triennial Synod.</li> </ul> |
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### Current Elected Bishop-in-Council

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| <b>Clerical Members</b>                         | <p>The Rev'd Karen Cave<br/>The Rev'd Shane Marques<br/>The Rev'd Esther Leach</p>                     |
| <b>Lay Members</b>                              | <p>Mr Peter Fitzgibbon<br/>Mrs Susanne Saunders<br/>Mr Brian Seale<br/>Mrs Susan Davies (resigned)</p> |
| <b>Bishop's Appointments (2) as Lay Members</b> |  |

## **For Consideration:**

Please read The Bishop-in-Council Statute 1986 – 2010

The Bishop-in-Council currently meets 5 times a year in Bunbury; in February, April, June, August and November. It meets prior to the Trustees and takes half a day for each meeting; and, at least another half day to read the papers.

Bishop-in-Council is the Standing Committee for Synod.

Retiring members are eligible to stand for re-election.

## **Vacancy: 1**

**One Lay Member** following the resignation of Mrs Susan Davies

## BISHOPRIC NOMINATION COMMITTEE

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| <p>5 Clerical &amp; 6 Lay Members<br/>3 Clerical &amp; 3 Lay Reserve Members</p> | <p>Section 3b The Bishopric Election Statute 2001 - 2017</p> <p>The Bishopric Nomination Committee shall consist of six clerical members, one of whom shall be the Administrator and six lay members of Synod who shall be elected at the first session of each Synod. There shall also be elected three clerical and three lay persons as reserves in the event of any member of the Committee being unavailable to serve. Any clerical member whose name is considered for nomination as Bishop or their immediate family shall cease to be a member of the Committee. In the event of the Administrator being nominated, the committee shall elect one of its members to chair the Committee. The Diocesan Secretary shall be the secretary of the committee.</p> |
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### Current Elected Bishopric Nomination Committee

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| <p><b>Clerical Members</b></p>         | <p>The Rev'd Karen Cave<br/>The Rev'd Cn. Ian Mabey<br/>The Rev'd James Tabor</p>   |
| <p><b>Clerical Reserve Members</b></p> | <p>The Rev'd Cathie Broome<br/>The Rev'd Justine Richmond</p>   |
| <p><b>Lay Members</b></p>              | <p>Dr Renae Barker<br/>Mrs Jeanie Cornish<br/>Mrs Robin Depiazzi<br/>The Hon. Kevin Prince<br/>Mrs Anne Ritson<br/>Mr Matthew O'Brien</p> |
| <p><b>Lay Reserve Members</b></p>      | <p>Mr Brian Seale<br/>Mrs Louise Sutherland</p>   |

**For Consideration:**

Please Read The Bishopric Election Statute 2001-2017

This Committee meets only when there is a vacancy in the Diocese when the Bishop retires, resigns, dies or becomes permanently incapacitated or deprived by a competent authority.

**Vacancies:**

**Note:** Mr Matthew O'Brien replaces Mrs Susan Davies as Lay member.

## **DIOCESAN AUDITOR**

|                         |                                    |
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| To be approved by Synod | Preamble of Diocesan Audit Statute |
| APPOINTED AUDITOR       | AMD Chartered Accountants          |

## DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL

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| <p><b>2 Clerics in Priest's Orders</b><br/><b>1 Lay member</b></p> | <p>Section 3a The Tribunal Statute 1985 – 2013</p> <p>(a) There shall be in and for the Diocese of Bunbury a Court of the Bishop to be known as the Diocesan Tribunal and it shall consist of:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) The Bishop of the Diocese who shall be President,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) Two clerks in the holy order of priest and holding the licence of the Bishop and to be elected by Synod, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(iii) A lay person to be elected by Synod.</p> |
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### Current Elected Diocesan Tribunal Members

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <p><b>Clerical Members</b></p> | <p>The Rev'd James Tabor<br/>The Rev'd Cathie Broome</p> |
| <p><b>Lay Member</b></p>       | <p>Mrs Eleanor Lewin (resigned)</p>                      |

### For Consideration:

Please read The Bunbury Diocesan Tribunal Statute 1985 – 2013.

This is a Diocesan Tribunal established as the Court of the Bishop which has the jurisdiction to hear and determine charges of breaches of faith, ritual, ceremonial or discipline and of such offences as may be specified by any ordinance or rule of a diocese against a person who holds the Licence of the Bishop.

### Vacancy: 1

**One Lay Member** following the resignation of Mrs Eleanor Lewin.



## PAROCHIAL NOMINATIONS BOARD

|  |   |
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| <p>3 Priests<br/>licensed in the<br/>Diocese more<br/>than three years<br/>3 Lay Members</p> | <p>Section 4b The Parochial Nomination Board<br/>Statute 1987 - 2010</p> <p>a) The Bishop will be the Chair or will appoint a Chair.</p> <p>b) One priest who has been licensed in the Diocese for not less than three years, and one lay person who is a member of Synod, chosen by the Bishop from a panel of three of each, duly elected at the first session of each triennial Synod.</p> |
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### Current Parochial Nominations Board

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| <p><b>Clerical<br/>Members</b></p> | <p>The Rev'd Karen Cave<br/>The Rev'd Paul Bartley<br/>The Rev'd Cn Mavis Tyler</p> |
| <p><b>Lay Members</b></p>          | <p>Mrs Jeannie Cornish<br/>Mr Mark Gilpin</p>                                       |

### For Consideration:

Please read The Parochial Nomination Board Statute 1987 – 2010

The purpose of The Parochial Nomination Board is to nominate to the Bishop of the Diocese a Cleric or Clerics for consideration for appointment to a parish or ministry district in which the cure of souls is vacant or becoming vacant.

### Vacancy:

## PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

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| 2 Clerical and<br>2 Lay | <p>Section 9 (1) The Constitution of the Province of Western Australia 1914-1984</p> <p>The Council shall consist of:</p> <p>(a) (i) The Metropolitan,<br/> (ii) The other Diocesan Bishops of the Province,<br/> (iii) The secretaries of each of the dioceses,<br/> (iv) The lay trustees of the Province who shall hold office ex officio, and</p> <p>(b) Two clerical and two lay representatives of each Diocese.</p> |
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### Current Elected Members of Provincial Council

|                  |   |
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| Clerical Members | The Rev'd Karen Cave<br>The Ven. Geoff Chadwick |
| Lay Trustee      | The Hon. Kevin Prince                           |
| Lay Members      | Dr Renae Barker<br>Mrs Marilyn Royer            |

### For Consideration:

Please read The Constitution of the Province of Western Australia 1914 – 1984.

The Provincial Council meets twice a year in Perth and the meeting takes half a day. In addition, there may be additional responsibilities and extra duties as a Member.

### Vacancy:

## GENERAL SYNOD OF ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

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| 2 Clerical and<br>2 Lay<br>Members | Section 17 (4) of General Synod Constitution & Table<br>Annexed to Constitution<br><br>The number of clerical and lay representatives<br>respectively of each diocese shall be in proportion to<br>the number of clergy of the diocese and shall be<br>determined by dividing that number by a quota,<br>namely, twenty, and if on the division there is a<br>remainder of ten or more the diocese shall be entitled<br>to one more clerical and one more lay representative. |
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### Current Elected Members of General Synod

|                     |   |
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| Clerical<br>Members | The Very Revd Canon Darryl Cotton<br>The Ven Geoff Chadwick |
| Lay Members         | Dr Renae Barker<br>Ms Marilyn Royer                         |

### Vacancy:

## **BUNBURY DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL**

**Chair:** The Rev'd Cathie Broome

At 2021 Synod The Bunbury Diocesan Mission Council Statute 1999-2004 was repealed as these positions are now appointed by Bishop in Council Standing Committee.

No election required.



**THE SECOND SESSION HELD OCTOBER 2022  
OF THE FORTY-FIRST SYNOD  
OF  
THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY  
2021 – 2023**

**PROCEEDINGS  
2022**

## **Minutes of the Second Session of the Fortieth Synod 2022 at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Synod opened with Eucharist in the Chapel of St Francis and St Clare and the collation of the Rev'd Geoff Chadwick as Archdeacon in the Diocese at 11am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Synod photograph and lunch followed.

At 1.25 pm a video presentation by Rev'd Tracey Laurensen on Domestic Violence was screened. Tracey then spoke to Synod in person. Research published at General Synod 2022. Few points for churches to adopt and work on – Ten Commitments. As many Anglicans affected by DV as the general community Tracey urged people to preach on DV. Good Samaritans parallel. People were invited to comment or ask questions of Tracey.

Bishop thanked Tracey Lauersen for her presentation.

Bishop opened 41<sup>st</sup> Synod 2<sup>nd</sup> session. The minutes and proceedings from the previous Synod session, the 1<sup>st</sup> session of the 41<sup>st</sup> Synod held in October 2022, declared as read and confirmed.

The Diocesan Secretary gave apologies from:

Rev'd Rodger Bull, Rev'd Earle Chamberlain, Rev'd David Greef – CMS, Rev'd Robert Holland, Rev'd Lynda Myres, Rev'd Kevin Toovey, Malcolm Bromley, Victoria Castiglione, Robin Depiazza, Sandra Goddard, Lynn Ritchis, Suzanne Saunders, Briane Seale

Resigned: Christine Brown, Emma and Jonathon Cannon, John Jarvis, Loretta Palmyre.

Retirements: Rev'd Paul Cannon, Rev'd Lindy Rookyard, Dollarine Brady

A Motion as to hours of meeting for the Session shall be brought before Synod by The Archdeacon appointed by Bishop-in-Council.

- Various Nominations for the running of Synod shall be appointed and elected

The following are APPOINTED by the President:

|                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Lucy Morris    | Clerk of Committees              |
| James Tabor    | Minutes Reading Committee Member |
| Susan Davies   | Minutes Reading Committee Member |
| Geoff Chadwick | Minutes Reading Committee Member |
| John Jones     | Chaplain                         |
| Vacant         | Media Liaison                    |
| Wendy Mabey    | Time Keeper                      |

Bishop Ian Coutts gave his Presidential address. Welcomed Tracey Gray – FIAS School Principal. Welcomed Rev'd Nick Freeland, here for first time – Diocesan Registrar. Welcomed new Ordinands here for the first time.

Bishop called for questions, Petitions and notices of motion.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Moved: Dr Renae Barker

Seconded: The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton

Carried

MOTION:

- That this Synod notes General Synod Resolution R63/18 entitled "The National Anglican Violence Project: which laments the laments the violence which has been suffered by some of our members and repents of the part we have played in allowing an environment where violence went unaddressed.
- That this Synod requests Bishop in Council to respond to the findings of the National Family Violence Project to introduce and develop primary prevention strategies and pastoral responses relating to family violence.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Moved: Renae Barker

seconded: The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton

carried

MOTION:

- That this Synod notes General Synod Resolution R64/18 entitled "Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia"
- That this Synod adopts the Ten Commitments Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia; as requested in the General Synod Resolution R64/18

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Moved: Renae Barker

Seconded: The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton

Carried

MOTION: That this Synod notes the General Synod Resolutions for action by Diocese contained in Book 6a and commends them to Bishop in Council for consideration and possible action.

All three motions were accepted by Synod. David Swain raised a petition regarding disposing of propter. Bishops referred it to Bishop in Council to deal with.

**Book 2:** Rev'd Nick Freeland presented Bishop in Council and Trustees report.

Don Reid from Boyup Brook Parish asked about the subpoena – had any documents been found on 'controlled motives'. Bishop replied – a farming project at Lake Grace, to help young indigenous men. Project begun by a priest.

Reports received – BIC and Trustees reports.



**Book 3** – Diocesan Reports – Bishop read the titles of the reports.

Don Reid from Boyup Brook Parish – apology to local Noongars, mistreatments mostly done by men of the Christian faith. As Anglicans we have already 1988 done some apologies. St Andrews in Sydney to local indigenous there. Perth and Adelaide also need to follow up with building friendships and community with local Noongars. 3% of population suggested a public event.

**Book 3a** – Community Reports

Eleanor Lewin from GMAS and St Mary's Bsn, Georgiana Molloy Anglican School Report/ Eleanor spoke on wellbeing project. A caboodle (George) has made a big impression on the children and teachers. There are lots of volunteers to groom and care for him. A boy not adjusting well at school, now has great conversations with George.

BCA – Bishop reported requests to them for help with Ravensthorpe Parish and Margaret River – Augusta, but they were not able to help. Covid has affected BCA staff this year.

All reports were accepted.

**Book 6b**

Rev'd Nick Freeland moved Bill 01 Anglicare Council Amendment Statute. Rev'd Sue Kemp asked change of Boniface care principal statute 3B on behalf of 'the Boniface care', delete 'the'. Rev'd Nick Freeland moved that we now put the Bill Motion was passed.

Renaë Barker moved Bill 02 standup offers (electronic voting) amendment statute 2022. Only for votes on legislation and motions on contentious matters. Electronic is very efficient.

Renaë moved the Bill now passed, motion – passed.

Bill 03 : Mission to Seafarer's Statute 1999 – 2022

Moved:                   The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton

Seconded: Dr Renaë Barker

Carried

## **Book 6 – Canon 7 – Constitution Amendment Mandatory suspension**

Moved: Dr Renae Barker

Constitutional amendment (mandatory suspension) canon 2022. Must receive amount of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all Diocese and all the metropolitan Diocese.

Rev'd Rose Guok asked if the suspension was on full pay, half pay or none. Reply – full pay

The Bill was passed.

## **Canon 8 – Constitution Amendment Mandatory Deposition**

Moved: Dr Renae Barker

Mandatory Deposition. Don Reid asked, was it removed of Licence or removed from Holy Orders. Answer: Removed from Holy Orders

David Swain asked, tribunal recommends – does it actually happen though? Renae Barker, very serious matter. Kevin Prince, it is a church theological punishment, it was recommended by the Royal Commission. Never again act as a cleric.

The Bill was passed.

## **Book 6 part 2**

### **Canon 9 – Episcopal Standards (Child Protection)**

Moved : Dr Renae Barker

The Bill was passed

### **Canon 12 – Episcopal Standards Investigation Amendment**

Moved: Dr Renae Barker

The Bill was passed.

## **Financial Reports**

Rev'd Nick Freeland presented the Financial Reports. All were accepted and Nick's work was acclaimed by Synod.

The business of the first day concluded with evening prayer was conducted by 4 Ordinands.

Synod was adjourned for the Synod Dinner, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

## **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Synod reconvened Saturday morning with morning prayer led by Ordinands.

Bishop formally assented to all Bill passed yesterday. Bishop welcomed Ted Kosicki, Principal of GMAS. Bishop reported on motions from last year. M2021/1, m2021/2, m2021/3, m2021/4, m2021/5

Called for motion without notice.

**Text of Motion:** That this Synod notes General Synod Resolution R64/18 entitled "Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia"

Moved : Dr Renae Barker

Seconded: The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton

To pass motion without notice 83 for, against 1

**Text of Motion:** This t this Synod notes General Synod Resolution R64/18 entitled "The National Anglican Violence Project" which laments the laments the violence which has been suffered by some of our members and repents of the part we have played in allowing an environment where violence went unaddressed.

Moved : Dr Renae Barker

Seconded: The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton

To accept and pass without notice 87 for, 0 against

**Text of Motion:** That this Synod notes General Synod Resolution for action be Diocese contained in Book 6a and comments them to Bishop in Council for consideration and possible action.

Moved : Dr Renae Barker

Seconded: The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton

To accept and pass mothing without notice 86 for, 2 against.

Motions with notice

**Coercive Control: Motion M2022/1**

Moved: Rev'd Carol Reid

Seconded : Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

Carol Reid spoke on motion, Lucy Morris spoke to this motion, Marilyn Royer spoke for this motion. Carried – 86 for, 0 against

**Aged Care and Disability Services: Motion 2022/2**

Moved: Rev'd Justine Richmond

Seconded: Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

Justine Richmond spoke on motion, Lucy Morris spoke on motion,  
Carried – 86 for, 0 against

**Reform to Abortion Laws in WA: Motion 2022/3**

Moved: Rev'd Jamie Murray

Seconded: Mrs Suzanne Saunders

Jamie Murray spoke to the motion, Allyson Charles spoke for, Rose Guok moved an amendment – adding the words: Clinical psychologist, a social worker, hospital chaplain (if available) and significant person.

Bishop Ian asked if anyone withed to debate amendment. Sally Prickett asked for definition of significant other. Anne Ritson spoke for motion. Paul Bartley questioned phrase 'retain process' at dot point 3. Renae

Barker read from Health Act 334/1911 WA Legislation. Bishop Ian suspended the motion to allow mover and amender to fine tune motion and amendment.

### **Celebrating 30 years of the ordination of women in the Anglican Church of Australia: Motion M2022/4**

Moved: Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

Seconded: Mrs Marilyn Royer

Lucy Morris introduced Motion M2022/4, Marilyn Royer spoke to motion. Mavis Tyler introduced amendment: insert after dot point 5 – affirms that the women who are priests exercise full spiritual authority as teachers and leaders in this Diocese.

Renaë Barker spoke for the amendment. Paul Watson questioned whether the amendment was needed – isn't it already understood in the ordination service that full authority is given. Lucy Morris replied it needs to be spelt out unambiguously because women still experience questioning of their authority. Paul Bartley opposed the amendment because it could be divisive.

Passed : 63 for, 20 against – Bishop put the motion 75 for, 6 against carried in its amended form. Bishop Ian invited all female clergy to stand and they were greeted with acclamation.

### **Amendment to faithfulness in Service (FIS): Motion 2022/5**

Moved: Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

Seconded: Rev'd Ian Mabey

Lucy Morris spoke to motion, Ian Mabey reserved right of reply, Shane Marques spoke against motion, Lynley Matthews-want spoke against motion. Don Reid gave information on chromosome makeup of people. Jamie Murray spoke against motion. Daphne Cross spoke for the motion, Paul Bartley spoke against the motion. Ian Mabey objected to improper language used against the motivation of the mover. Helen Bignell spoke against the motion, Ian Mabey spoke for the motion.

Lucy Morris right of reply.

Carried: 47 for, 39 against

### **Being the body of Christ: Motion 2022/6**

Moved: Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

Seconded: The Ven Geoff Chadwick

Lucy Morris spoke for the motion, Jamie Murray spoke against the motion, Justine Richmond spoke for the motion, Don Reid spoke for the motion. Cathie Broome questioned why the motion was lost at General Synod. Bishop Ian said reasons for results of votes at Synod not known. Paul Bartley spoke against the motion, Daphne Cross spoke for the motion. Lucy Morris right of reply.

Carried: 58 for, 28 against

### **Keeping Communion and Grieving Brokenness in our Anglican Church of Australia: Motion 2022/7**

Moved: Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

Seconded: Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton

Lucy Morris spoke for the motion, Darryl Cotton spoke for the motion. Helen Bignell spoke against the motion. Shane Marques spoke against the motion, Ian Mabey spoke for the motion, Marie Woodward spoke for the motion, Jamie Murray spoke against the motion. Lucy Morris right of reply.

Carried: 52 for, 31 against

Bishop called for Mavis Tyler, question: "what steps have we taken in the Diocese re data security?"

Nick Freeland answered, that is a complicated matter and will advise Synod in due course. He mentioned that the Diocesan Office had already dealt with cyber-attacks.

Renaë Barker spoke about the Tribunal Statute which sets out offences. This relates to discussion in motion **M2022/5**.

Jamie Murray spoke re motion **M2022/3** previously suspended at 11.10am today

Carried: 69 for, 8 against – refers to amendments made to M2022/3

Lucy Morris spoke against the motion, Cathie Broome spoke for the motion, Jamie Murray right of reply.

Carried: 51 for, 28 against

Paul Bartley question to President, “Is there a limit on the number of motions one individual can bet before Synod? Should it perhaps be limited to one or two?”

Kevin Prince reply, no to both.

### **Amnesty International Petition – Children in Prison: Motion M2022/9**

Moved: Mr Don Reid

Seconded: Mrs Susan Davies

Don Reid spoke for the motion, Kevin Prince spoke for the motion, Rachel Sambell spoke about ‘justice re-investment’, and spoke for the motion, Susan Davies spoke for the motion, Don Reid right of reply.

Carried: 76 for, 7 against.

### **Strong Statement of Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People: Motion M2022/8**

Moved: Rev’d Dr Lucy Morris

Seconded: Dr Don Reid

Motion was declared formal thus no debate.

Carried: 70 for, 10 against

**In support of the people of Ukraine and in protest at the war instigated and sustained by the Russian President, putting Ukrainian and Russian lives in peril: Motion M2022/10**

Moved: Rev'd Cathie Broome

Seconded: Mrs Colleen Brandy

Carried: 84 for, 1 against

### **Election Results**

**Trustee: 1 Clerical vacancy:** The Rev'd Canon Ian Mabey

**Bishop in Council: 1 Clerical vacancy:** The Rev'd Shane Marques

**Bishopric Nomination Committee: 3 Clerical vacancy:** No nominees

**Diocesan Tribunal: 1 Clerical Vacancy:** The Rev'd Cathie Broome

**Parochial Nominations Board: 1 Clerical vacancy:** The Ven. Geoff Chadwick

**Provincial Council: 1 Clerical vacancy:** The Ven. Geoff Chadwick

**General Synod: 1 Clerical vacancy:** The Ven. Geoff Chadwick

Synod Closes at 3.30pm By Bishop Ian with The Grace.