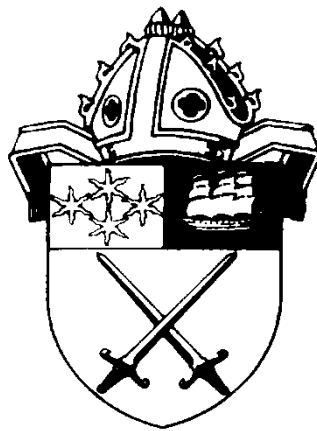


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THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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2018 - 2020**

BOOK FOUR - 2019

MOTIONS, QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

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ACTIONS ON MOTIONS WITH NOTICE 2018

Number	M2018/1
Motion	To join the Anglican Representative (National Redress Scheme) Limited organisation
Mover	The Hon. Kevin Prince
Seconder	Dean Darryl Cotton

TEXT OF MOTION

That this Synod:

1. Approves the Anglican Diocese of Bunbury to participate in the Commonwealth Government's National Redress Scheme (NRS) in its response to Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. The National Redress Scheme was established on the 1st July 2018.
2. Recognises the Diocese of Bunbury will enact its participation by joining as a member of the 'Anglican Representative (National Redress Scheme) Limited' (ARNRSL) which will join the national scheme on behalf of the Anglican Church of Australia.
3. Accepts this membership of the ARNRSL carries with it the obligation to share the membership with other Anglican dioceses and institutions such as Anglicare and the ASC.
4. Recognises the membership confirms the Diocese of Bunbury is capable of discharging its obligations, pastorally (with counselling), through its personal response (apologies by a representative); and, financially (it can pay its debts).
5. Requires these commitments to be given by the Trustees to the National Redress Scheme and to the Anglican Representative (National Redress Scheme) Limited as authorised by this Synod in 2018; and, this will take place when the necessary enabling legislation (WA Government) and membership application requirements are completed by the Diocese, the ARNRSL and the Government of Australia.

EXPLANATION OF THE MOTION

The NRS was established by Commonwealth legislation passed on the 28th July 2018. It established the NRS for a period of 10 years. It offers organisations and governments a period of up to 2 years to join; and, no claims will be accepted in the final year.

It is a Redress (not compensation) scheme for those individuals who suffered historical child sexual abuse in government and non-government institutions.

It is intended for those who do not want to deal directly with these institutions and governments. It is to be operated by the Department of Social Services through Centrelink; and, the Independent Assessors and reporting through the Department of Human Services.

The Applicant when making a claim, is offered pastoral and legal support to make the claim. Applicants are encouraged to include all details of all abuse. A Statutory Declaration is signed by the Applicant to this effect.

Following independent assessment of the application, an offer may be made for financial redress, pastoral redress and a formal apology.

By accepting the offer of Redress from the Independent Assessors, the Applicant waives all future right to claim additional redress for the same matters from the institution/s and governments through other Schemes or through civil litigation and this is signed as a legal document.

By joining the Scheme, the institutions waive the right to contest the decision, commit to accepting the claim, and confirm they are able to meet all obligations to make redress in full and in return, will receive legal protection for the institution and its' officers in the future for these matters.

This process is available to those who choose to use the Scheme and only for those for whom the abuse occurred prior to the 31st June 2018.

Survivors are still able to use the Diocesan Professional Standards Redress Scheme; and, the civil courts still remain an option.

The WA Government has also repealed the relevant aspects of the Statute of Limitations which has opened this avenue for claims beyond the current limit of 6 years. This does not in any way remove the responsibility of the institutions, including the Anglican Church to ensure safe practices, good governance and appropriate safeguarding of its people continue and our capacity to respond to allegations will use all our resources as required as is currently the case.

The NRS will at any time during the application process make referrals to the Police and other necessary authorities if the information is relevant for charges to be laid to an alleged abuser. The institutions will be advised if and when this occur

UPDATE

The WA Government passed the enabling legislation in late 2018. The Diocese completed its application process and supporting documentation in early 2019 with assistance from Rev'd Canon Carole Morgan for the AR(NRS) Ltd. Membership of the AR(NRS) Ltd was advised in February and confirmed by the NRS in March 2019.

Requests for Information are now being made and responded to by the Diocese (See the Reports from Trustees and Bishop-in-Council in Book 2).

Latest advice from the AR(NRS) Ltd suggests all Diocesan entities should be joined separately and not simply under the Diocesan membership to avoid any possibility of double claiming. This is now underway.

MOTION WITH NOTICE 2018

Number	M2018/2
Motion	Extended Communion
Mover	Mr Adrian Price
Seconder	Mrs Anne Ritson

TEXT OF MOTION

That this Synod clarify the appropriate usage of the service of extended communion for churches with limited access to a priest.

This was amended to:

That this Synod ask our Bishop Elect of the Bunbury Diocese to clarify the appropriate usage of the service of extended communion for churches with a limited access to a priest.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION

Given that Christian Communities and many of the Parishes in the Diocese of Bunbury do not have full time/resident priests, we seek clarification as to when LLMs, with appropriate training, be permitted to provide Extended Communion at services when a priest is not present as The Parish Handbook and the Parish Statute seem to differ on what is the correct use.

St Saviour's at Boyup Brook had used extended communion by LLMs until advised in 2015 by the then Archdeacon that we must discontinue the service. The Church is failing those occasional attendees, visitors and those incapacitated in some way who are very disappointed when they cannot partake in a communion service when they do attend.

UPDATE

Bishop Ian Coutts, together with Bishop-in-Council and Rev'd James Tabor have worked on this issue during the year. This work is not yet complete as there are still some particular matters that need checking and resolving. For the time being, the Bishop is willing to permit the continued usage of any existing Extended Communion arrangements. If there are any new requests to conduct Extended Communion please refer these to Bishop Ian. It is hoped this work will be completed by December 2019 and information and guidelines will be issued to everyone.

MOTION WITH NOTICE 2018

Number	M2018/3
Motion	Seeking Asylum and Refugees
Mover	The Hon. Murray Montgomery
Seconder	Mrs Marie Ham

TEXT OF MOTION

That this Synod:

1. Acknowledges people seeking asylum living in our community are entitled to human rights, dignity and social support.
2. Opposes the current placement of asylum seekers and refugees into the off-shore detention centres in Manus Island, Nauru and Christmas Island and seeks an end to these arrangements and closure of these centres and the people held in these centres be brought to Australia for processing.
3. Opposes any cuts to government programmes which provide a basic safety net of support to people seeking asylum, rendering them wholly dependent on church and other charities for survival.
4. Joins with Anglicare Australia and many other Non-Government Organisations in calling for a reversal to these cuts.
5. Requests the Bishop write to the Minister for Home Affairs and Opposition Leader requesting:
 - a. The reinstatement of government programmes which provide a basic safety net support for people seeking asylum; and
 - b. The financial aid provided by these programmes matches that of Newstart; and
 - c. The reinstatement of funding to programmes that provide torture and trauma counselling for people seeking asylum.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION:

This Motion is similar to the Motion proposed by the Anglican Social Responsibilities Commission in the Perth Diocese at its Synod 2018.

This Anglican Social Responsibilities Commission provides support to all the dioceses of the Province in their work of social justice.

This Motion reflects the work carried out by the National Churches of Australia Refugee taskforce of which the Anglican Church is a member.

UPDATE

Bishop Ian wrote on behalf of the Diocese to the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, together with the Opposition Leader and the Leader of the Greens Party on the 14th December 2018.

A response was received from the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, The Hon. David Coleman MP on the 3rd April 2019 acknowledging the correspondence. No other responses have been received.

MOTION WITH NOTICE 2019

Number	M2019/1
Motion	Voluntary Assisted Dying Guidelines
Mover	Mr Adrian Price
Seconder	Mrs Anne Ritson

TEXT OF MOTION

That this Synod ask the Bishop to draw up guidelines for clergy and lay member usage in the Diocese of Bunbury in response to the Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation should the Bill come into effect

EXPLANATION OF THE MOTION

It is expected that there will be differing views by clergy and laity as to how to respond to persons nearing the end of their life in such a condition that they choose voluntary assisted dying.

What form of funeral service may be conducted in an Anglican Church by an Anglican priest?

This not only involves the dying person but also family and close friends who may seek compassion and spiritual support as such a time.

Melbourne's Archbishop Philip Freier issued a pastoral note on the eve of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation coming into force in Victoria. Dr Freier writes notwithstanding the ethical and theological concerns about the legislation that continue to be expressed by people of faith, the pastoral imperative would be to commend the dying person to God. "Anglican ministers should respond to a request for ministry in these circumstances in the same way they would for any dying person, including funeral ministry". He writes.

MOTION WITH NOTICE 2019

Number	M2019/2
Motion	Sustainable Living
Mover	Mr Bruce Sherborne
Seconder	Ms Christine Brown

TEXT OF MOTION

That this Synod:

- a) Strongly encourages Parishes and individual Parishioners across the Diocese to adopt actions and attitudes which support Sustainable Living, and
- b) Encourage Parishes to complete and audit on Sustainable Living to see how well they meet Sustainable Living ideas.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION

- a) This supports the fifth mark of mission (to protect, care for and renew life on our planet).
- b) Living the change upholds deep convictions:
 - i. The earth is a sacred gift
 - ii. Each of us has a responsibility to live in a way that supports and sustains our common home.
- c) The Sustainable Living Working Party seeks to support and encourage Parishes and Parishioners to be prepared for the impact of climate change and to help build resilience in relation to this matter.
- d) To support Parishes and Parishioners there would be a regular item illustrating just how they may live more sustainable in the "To The People" material sent out by Bishop Ian.
- e) On September 25th 2015, 193 world leaders committed to 17 Global Goals to achieve three extraordinary things in the next 15 years. End extreme poverty. Fight inequality and injustice. And fix climate change.

MOTION WITH NOTICE 2019

Number	M2019/3
Motion	Sustainable Development Goals
Mover	Rev'd Canon Bill Byleveld
Seconder	Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

TEXT OF MOTION:

That this Synod

- Endorse the General Synod Motion on Sustainable Development Goals
- commend all Anglican agencies working in Australia and overseas on their contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals locally and globally.
- call on parishes and the diocese to give a specific amount of budget e.g. 0.5% or 0.7%, to ABM or another Anglican agency that supports the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Australia and through overseas partners
- encourage parishes to use the ABM SDG Study in their small groups or to invite speakers to their parish to educate them about the Sustainable Development Goals and how they can contribute to their achievement.
- challenge parishes to identify at least one way they can contribute to all 17 Sustainable Development Goals across all ministry areas e.g. kids, youth, young adults, home groups and even their physical buildings.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION:

General Synod Motion

R55/17 16.10 The Global Goals for Sustainable Development

Bishop Sarah Macneil moving, Bishop Chris Jones seconding

That, celebrating the success of the Millennium Development Goals and noting that the number of people living in extreme poverty has more than halved since 1990, the General Synod:

- a) welcomes the new Global Goals for Sustainable Development which aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and pursue the common good;
- b) encourages theological engagement with the goals, and missional commitment to their achievement;

- c) commends the work of Anglicare Australia, the Anglican Board of Mission, Anglican Overseas Aid, Anglican Aid and other Anglican organisations in striving to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals;
- d) renews our call for a fair share of Australia’s national budget (0.7% of Gross National Income) to be dedicated to Overseas Development Assistance that aims to reduce poverty; and
- e) encourages each diocese, through its synod, to consider 0.7% of gross diocesan income, or some other meaningful proportion, to projects supporting the Sustainable Development Goals.


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



We encourage all parishioners to prayerfully consider ways in which you, your parish, and your Diocese can support the attainment of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development, as we work together to make a fair and just world for all.

MOTION WITH NOTICE 2019

Number	M2019/4
Motion	Kapsabet
Mover	Rev'd Canon Geoff Chadwick
Seconder	Rev'd Cathie Broome

TEXT OF MOTION

That this Synod endorses the good work begun in establishing a friendship between the Diocese of Bunbury and the Diocese of Kapsabet, and asks that Bishop-in-Council consider the recommendation of the 2019 Kapsabet team:

That the Diocese of Bunbury continues to explore its relationship with the Diocese of Kapsabet, with a focus of mutual support, prayer, encouragement and exchange.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION

The Motion is in response to the recent visit of The Rev'd Wayne Warfield, Mrs Robyn Warfield, The Rev'd Cathie Broome and The Rev'd Canon Geoff Chadwick to the Diocese of Kapsabet in Kenya. More details of the visit can be found in the Synod Reports.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE 2018

Clergy Distress Fund

We in our Diocese have a fund known as the Clergy Distress Fund to which each stipendiary clergy person contributes roughly \$300 a year from their stipends. As far as I know the Bishop has sole discretion as to the distribution of these funds to clergy persons in times of distress. Is the accounting and distribution of this fund, while maintaining confidentiality, reported to any committee or diocesan body within the Diocese? If so what is the nature of this oversight?

RESPONSE

The Finance Sub-Committee of the Bishop-in-Council has updated the process for handling and decision-making for the clergy distress fund. This was approved by the Bishop-in-Council following its meeting on the 29th August 2019 and the process includes the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the person involved and another clergy person to confirm the use of the distress fund. A report is included in the finance report on the amount used, but not the purpose or any other details about the matter. Clergy persons may contact the Diocese for further details.



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AMENDMENT TO MOTION

I give notice that I will move the following amendment to the motion
_____ by:

Deleting the words:

Adding the words:

The lines of the motion affected will then read:

SURNAME:

(Please print)

SIGNATURE:



**ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
NOTICE OF MOTION**

FULL NAME OF MOVER *(please print)*:

FULL NAME OF SECONDER:

TEXT OF MOTION:

That

SIGNATURE:

ADMINISTRATION USE:

DATE RECEIVED: _____

ITEM NO: _____