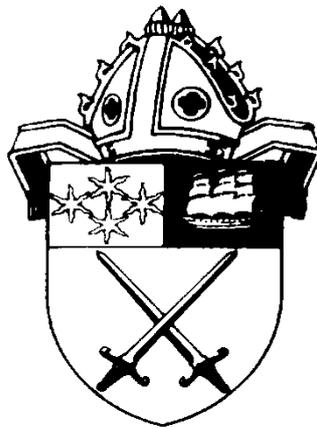


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THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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2021 - 2023**

BOOK FOUR - 2022

MOTIONS, QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

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ACTIONS ON MOTIONS WITH NOTICE 2021

Number	M2021/1
Motion	Action for Safe Air and climate change
Mover	Mr Adrian Price
Seconder	Mr Don Reid

That:

TEXT OF MOTION:

This synod notes with concern the Federal Government's lack of attention to the pollution of the atmosphere which is adversely affecting the climate of Earth and recommends government action to formulate and promote a policy of Safe Air for the world.

Motion Carried

Update

This item was discussed and a number of suggestions made on how, we as a Diocese can contribute to reducing air pollution.

Number	M2021/2
Motion	Federal Government Refugee and Asylum Seeker Policy
Mover	Mr Adrian Price
Seconder	Mr Don Reid

That:

TEXT OF MOTION:

This Synod:

- 1. Reinforces support for previous Motions M2014/03, M2015/08 and M2018/3, and**
- 2. Recognises the urgent need for a more compassionate attitude towards persons fleeing persecution, and**
- 3. Opposes the detention of children of refugees or asylum seekers, and**
- 4. Opposes the indefinite detention of refugees or asylum seekers, and**
- 5. Requests the Bishop to contact relevant Federal Ministers regarding these matters.**

Motion Carried

Update

This motion has been supported previously, a letter was sent to the Federal Minister just prior to our last Synod.

Number	M2021/3
Motion	Provision of affordable accommodation
Mover	Mr Adrian Price
Seconder	Mr Don Reid

That:

TEXT OF MOTION:

This Synod supports low cost housing as shown in the ‘tiny home movement’ and other alternatives, and asks the Bishop to write to encourage Local, State and Federal Governments to enable individuals and developers to construct them.

Motion Carried

Update

This continues to be an issue. The Western Australian Government is looking at how they can encourage home owners, who have vacant homes, to make them available for tenants.

Number	M2021/4
Motion	Racism and Gender Based Discrimination
Mover	Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris
Seconder	Rev'd Ian Mabey

That:

TEXT OF MOTION:

This Synod acknowledges the experience and active expressions of racism together with gender-based discrimination, patriarchy and sexism in our churches, parish communities, workplaces and across Australia. These attitudes and actions are experienced by both clergy and the wider faith community.

This Synod recognises the need to encourage positive change in these behaviours and beliefs and to educate actively in managing these issues in our multi-cultural church community, as this does not reflect the love of God for all God's creation. We celebrate each individual made in God's image, called into the fullness of community, respected, honoured in all vocations and loved with all our differences. God's gospel invites us to act on this and provides clear leadership in our advocacy for gospel justice.

Therefore, this Synod calls on the Diocesan clergy and lay parish leaders, communities and diocesan entities to demonstrate active leadership in encouraging and responding to complaints and feedback on these matters as part of the Grievance and Feedback policy and process; and, to raise awareness and promote changes in these attitudes and behaviour throughout the diocese by:

- rejecting all such behaviour and making clear the unacceptability of all racism and gender-based discrimination in our church communities, parishes and diocesan workplaces.**
- providing regular training and awareness-raising about the unacceptable nature of racism and gender-based discrimination and this to be included in Diocesan Safe Church training content, with ordinands, LLMs and for all new parish counsellors, wardens, and in clergy Professional Development.**

- **ensuring all diocesan policies and practices reflect the rejection of such expressions of discrimination.**
- **offering counselling to affected individuals and by ensuring consequences in employment, volunteering and in lay leadership roles which will be applied if an individual or group's behaviours, attitudes, words and actions continue to ignore this will of Synod in God's kingdom, and for this to be applied equally both to clergy and lay people in the diocese.**

Motion Carried

Update

Bishop in Council (BIC) established a Committee chaired by The Very Rev'd Darryl Cotton. Terms of reference have been approved by BIC.

Number	M2021/5
Motion	Heritage Building Funding
Mover	David Swain
Seconder	Michele Schmidt

That:

TEXT OF MOTION:

This Synod requests the Bishop and Diocesan Trustees petition and lobby with Government at all levels, and other parties as appropriate, on means to assist small parishes and community organisations maintain heritage listed churches and buildings, including avenues for grants or other special concessions, and possibility of mechanisms to enable donations for works or maintenance on buildings to be received with tax deductibility status, especially those with heritage listing; and further, to implement any measures so identified as may be practicable.

EXPLANATION OF MOTION:

Motion Carried

Update

A new Heritage Appeals Policy was agreed at the August 2022 meeting of Trustees and will be circulated to parishes shortly.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE 2022

Number	M2022/1
Motion	Coercive Control
Mover	Rev'd Carol Reid
Seconder	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.

Number	M2022/2
Motion	Aged Care and Disability Services
Mover	Rev'd Justine Richmond
Seconder	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

Number	M2022/3
Motion	Reform to Abortion Laws in WA
Mover	Rev'd Jamie Murray
Seconder	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

Number	M2022/4
Motion	Celebrating 30 years of the ordination of women in the Anglican Church of Australia
Mover	Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris
Seconder	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:

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.

Number	M2022/5
Motion	Amendment to Faithfulness in Service (FIS)
Mover	Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris
Seconder	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.

Number	M2022/6
Motion	Being the Body of Christ
Mover	Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris
Seconder	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

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.

Number	M2022/7
Motion	Keeping Communion and Grieving Brokenness in our Anglican Church of Australia
Mover	Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris
Seconder	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.

Number	M2022/8
Motion	Strong Statement of Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
Mover	Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris
Seconder	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.

Number	M2022/9
Motion	Amnesty International Petition – Children in Prison
Mover	Mr Don Reid
Seconder	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.

Number	M2022/10
Motion	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.
Mover	Rev'd Cathie Broome
Seconder	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.



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BUNBURY

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: _____