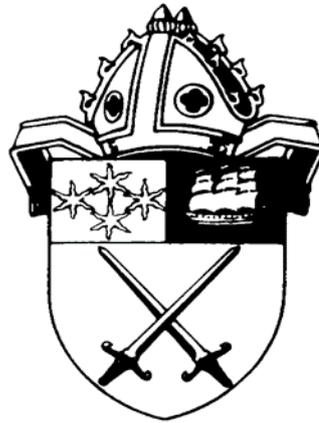


**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**

**THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY**

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

**BOOK SIX A - 2022**

**GENERAL SYNOD RESOLUTIONS FOR  
ACTION BY THE DIOCESE**





**GENERAL SYNOD  
EIGHTEENTH SESSION MAY 2022  
RESOLUTIONS**

The following Resolutions were passed at General Synod and those provided with full text were requested by General Synod 2022 (GS18) to be noted and adopted by the Diocese with commitment for action. Those listed by title only, at the end of the book, are the remaining Resolutions, also passed but not required for Diocesan assent. These can be found on the website of the Anglican Church of Australia on the General Synod Sessions page:

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<b>APPRECIATION</b>	
<b>R44/18</b>	<b>Broughton Publishing – Anglican Church of Australia Directory</b> Mr Philip Gerber moving, The Very Rev'd Richard Humphrey seconding  Synod commends the board and management of Broughton Publishing and editor Colin Reilly on the production of the Anglican Church of Australia Directory in both print and online editions, and encourages dioceses, parishes and members of the clergy to fully support this project by offering every assistance in keeping information up to date.
<b>DEFENCE FORCE MINISTRY</b>	
<b>R74/18</b>	<b>Rates of Suicide of Australian Defense Force (ADF Veterans)</b> Bishop Keith Dalby moving, Bishop Keith Joseph seconding  General Synod notes with concern the rates of suicide for Australian Defense force (ADF) Veterans and accordingly commends the work of the Royal Commission into Defense and Veteran Suicide and the Interim National Commissioner for Defense and Veteran Suicide Prevention, and observes that these highlight the effectiveness of ADF Chaplains in suicide prevention for current serving members and families

	<p>and affirms the work of ADF Chaplains particularly in the areas of suicide prevention, moral injury and spiritual wounds.</p> <p>General Synod also notes with appreciation the recent Federal Budget funding for a new chaplaincy support programme for veterans but also views with concern the shortage of Anglican ministers available to be Australian Defense Force chaplains and veterans' chaplains. In turn it is noted that this impacts adversely on the growing demand for programmes to help veterans suffering moral injury and spiritual wounds which are the result of military service in peace or conflict.</p> <p>This Synod expresses its heartfelt thanks to the women and men of our Defense Force and their immediate and extended families for their commitment to the service of our country. We further recognise that this service often comes with deep personal, physical emotional and psychological costs that are not always visible to those around them but nevertheless are real and impactful on their lives and the lives of those around them. As a Synod we express our sorrow for this impact on their lives but would like to express our thanks for their service, and assurance of our prayers and support for them both at this time, and into the future.</p> <p>Therefore General Synod calls on all diocese to commit to making churches and welfare agencies more accessible and relevant to veterans and families, and to raise up chaplains for this work; and requests the Primate to affirm and facilitate this work by appointing and additional non-stipended archdeacon under the Bishop to the defense Force as the point of contact between the ADF, the Department of Veterans affairs and the Church.</p>
<b>ECUMENICAL RELATIONS</b>	
<b>R45A/18</b>	<p><b>Anglican Lutheran Dialogue – Perspectives on Mission</b></p> <p>The Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall AC moving, The Right Rev'd John Stead seconding</p>

	<p>The General Synod</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Commends the Anglican-Lutheran Dialogue Group for <i>Perspectives on Mission</i>;</li> <li>ii) Notes the Doctrine Commission's advise that <i>Perspectives on Mission</i> conforms to the doctrine of this Church and that it is suitable for the purpose for which it is intended, that is as a third appendix to <i>Common Ground</i>; and adopts it for that purpose;</li> <li>iii) Encourages members of the Anglican Church of Australia to study <i>Common Ground</i> and <i>Perspectives on Mission</i> and to foster closer cooperation and relations with the Lutheran Church of Australia.</li> </ul>
<b>FAMILIES AND CULTURE</b>	
<b>R63/18</b>	<p><b>The National Anglican Family Violence Project</b></p> <p>The Rev'd Tray Lauersen moving, the Very Rev'd Sandy Grant seconding</p> <p>The General Synod receives the reports of the National Anglican Family Violence Project commissioned by the Anglican Church of Australia Standing Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) National Anglican Family Violence Research Report: for the Anglican Church of Australia</li> <li>ii) NAFVP Prevalence Study Report</li> <li>iii) NAFVP Clergy and Lay Leaders Study Report, and</li> <li>iv) NAFVP Experience Study Report and</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Notes the 28 findings of the Research Project</li> <li>b) 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</li> <li>c) Requests diocese to respond to the findings of the National Family Violence Project and to introduce and develop primary prevention strategies and pastoral responses relating to family violence.</li> </ul>
<b>R64/18</b>	<p><b>Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia</b></p>

	<p>Dr Karin Sowada moving, the Rev'd Tracy Lauersen seconding</p> <p>The General Synod</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Notes the development of the Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia as a best practice guide for the Anglican Church of Australia to prevent and respond to violence.</li> <li>b) Notes the endorsement of the Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia by the Standing Committee</li> <li>c) Thanks those dioceses who have adopted the Ten Commitments in their recent diocesan Synods</li> <li>d) Encourages remaining dioceses to adopt the Ten Commitments at their coming Synods.</li> </ul>
<b>MISSION AND MINISTRY</b>	
<b>R49/18</b>	<p><b>Ministry Wellbeing and Development: Policy Guidelines and Resources</b></p> <p>The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, The Right Rev'd Dr Ian Coutts seconding</p> <p>The General Synod notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Royal Commission recommendations 16.4, 16.44 and 16.45 for national mandatory standards for professional development, professional/pastoral supervision and performance appraisals; and</li> <li>b) The endorsement of the <i>Ministry Wellbeing and Development: Policy Guidelines and Resources</i> document by the Standing Committee</li> </ul> <p>And encourages diocese to fully implement the policy and guidelines to enhance the wellbeing and professional development of clergy and some paid church workers.</p>
<b>R80/18</b>	<p><b>Viability of Regional Diocese</b></p> <p>The Rt Rev'd Dr Keith Joseph moving, The Rt Rev'd Dr Greg Anderson seconding</p>

	<p>This General Synod</p> <p>Recognising the financial stress and administrative strain placed on regional and rural dioceses due to the legacy of historic sexual abuse claims, the rising cost of insuring property and ministry operations, and the increased workload from centrally-mandated ministry programs: requests that the Standing Committee, with the support of the Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force determine how the Metropolitan dioceses could take on greater responsibility for supporting ministry in all the dioceses of their respective Provinces including but not limited to policies, processes, administration, registries, insurance, safe ministry training and audit, redress and continued presence in regional and rural ministries.</p>
<p><b>R55/18</b></p>	<p><b>Climate Change – Call to the Church</b></p> <p>Leave was granted by Synod to move the motion in an amended form. The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moving, The Ven. Tiffany Sparks seconding</p> <p>That this Synod,</p> <p>A. Noting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resolution A17:05 of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) 2017, in which the ACC recognised that there is a Climate emergency and called on member churches to respond in ways that are 'a living testament to our faith';</li> <li>2. Resolution A17:06 of the ACC 2017 in which the ACC called upon member churches to work towards building climate resilience;</li> <li>3. That the 2020 meeting of the General Synod of The Church of England (C of E) called on 'all parts of the C of E..., to work to achieve year on year reductions in emissions and urgently examine what would be required to reach net zero emissions by 2030 in order that a plan of action can be drawn up to achieve that target';</li> <li>4. With concern, the lack of progress in the Anglican Church of Australia in reporting on the Protection of the Environment Canon 2007 and reporting on the calculation of emissions as requested in R62.17.</li> </ol>

	<p>B. Recognises that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God’s creation, and a fundamental injustice, which ultimately stems from rebellion against our Creator and our Creator’s commands to humans regarding stewardship of God’s world.</p> <p>C. Trusts Jesus Christ as ultimate reconciler of all things in creation, through his blood shed on the cross and loos with hope to his promise of a renewed creation</p> <p>D. Encourages consideration of the actions involving worship, mission, advocacy, and community participation commended to the Church in ACC 2017 Resolutions A17&gt;05 and A17:06</p> <p>E. Encourages the Diocese and Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia to work towards net zero carbon emission by 2040, and to consider faster reductions where possible.</p> <p>F. Urges the Dioceses and Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen their efforts to report on the Protection of the Environment Canon 2007</li> <li>2. Submit their best estimates of carbon emissions on an annual basis to The Standing Committee to enable us as a Province to track our progress toward net zero carbon emissions; and</li> <li>3. Embrace the actions commended to the Church through ACC 2017 Resolutions A17:05 and A17:06, considered the most appropriate to their contexts.</li> </ol>
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**SAFE MINISTRY**

<p><b>R43/18</b></p>	<p><b>Directors of Professional Standards</b></p> <p>Mr Lachlan Bryant moving, Justice Debra Mullins AO seconding</p> <p>This General Synod</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Affirm the importance of all Dioceses in the national church having robust child protection and professional standards systems in place for the safety and wellbeing of church members</li> <li>2. Encourage all Dioceses to have or appoint a Director of Professional Standards who is able to fully participate in the Network of Directors of Professional</li> </ol>
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	<p>Standards and to be properly resourced to undertake their role, including the provision of skilled professional supervision</p> <p>3. Encourage all Diocese to do their utmost to prioritise the support and resourcing of the office of their Professional Standards Director commensurate to the importance of their work in child protection and professional standards.</p>
<b>R48/18</b>	<p><b>Persons of Concern Video</b></p> <p>The Rt Rev'd Dr Greg Anderson moving, The Rt Rev'd Dr Ian Coutts seconding</p> <p>The General Synod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) notes the endorsement of the Persons of Concern video by the Standing Committee; and</li> <li>b) requests the Safe Ministry Commission to consult with dioceses to seek feedback regarding the usage and usefulness of the resource.</li> </ul>
<b>R50/18</b>	<p><b>Safe Ministry Resource – Providing pastoral support to people affected by sexual abuse</b></p> <p>The Rev'd Prof Peter Sandeman moving, The Right Rev'd Greg Anderson seconding</p> <p>The General Synod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) notes the endorsement of the <i>Providing pastoral support to people affected by sexual abuse: Guidance for clergy and church workers in the Anglican Church of Australia</i> resource by the Standing Committee; and</li> <li>b) encourages dioceses to make this resource available to clergy and church workers providing pastoral care to enhance the pastoral care of those who have been affected by sexual abuse.</li> </ul>

## **Remaining Resolutions Passed by the 18<sup>th</sup> General Synod**

### **APPRECIATION**

- R54/18**     **Vote of Thanks Mr Garth Blake AM SC**
- R7/18**      **Anglican Super**
- R72/18**    **Anglican Schools Australia**
- R100/18**   **Dr Barry Newman BSc**
- R101/18**   **The Hon Peter Young AO QC**
- R110/18**   **Archbishop Geoff Smith**
- R111/18**   **General Synod Arrangements**

### **DEFENCE FORCE MINISTRY**

- R95/18**     **Defense Chaplaincy**

### **DOCTRINE**

- R58/18**     **Doctrine Commission**

### **FAMILIES AND CULTURE**

- R65/18**     **Families and Culture Commission**

### **FINANCE**

- R66/18**     **General Synod Finances – Reports**
- R67/18**     **Audited statements**
- R68/18**     **Budget**
- R69/18**     **Resourcing the Families and Culture Commission**
- R92/18**     **General Synod Finances Recommendations**

### **FIRST NATIONS ISSUES**

- R83/18**     **Family Violence and First Nations Communities**
- R98/18**     **National Aboriginal Bishop and National Torres Strait  
Islander Bishop**

### **LITURGY**

- R45/18**     **Australian Anglicans Worship**

### **MARRIAGE, HUMAN SEXUALITY AND SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS**

- R81/18**     **Definition of Unchastity**
- R82/18**     **Safe Churches**
- R97/18**     **Affirming Singleness**
- R108/18**   **Exemptions Clauses for Religious Bodies**

## **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

- R42/18 Mission to Seafarers**
- R61/18 Great Commission**
- R109/18 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women**

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

- R54/18 Jobseeker**
- R59?/18 Aged Care and Disability Care**
- R60/18 Federal Gambling Reform**
- R62?/18 State and Territory Gambling Reform**
- R78/18 Climate Change – Call on Australian Governments**
- R88A/18 Religious Discrimination and Religious Freedom**
- R99/18 Coal-fired Power Stations**
- R103/18 Ukraine**
- R104/18 Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility**
- R107/18 Euthanasia**

## **SAFE MINISTRY**

- R46/18 Safe Ministry – Child Safety Regulatory Environment**
- R47/18 Safe Ministry Priorities**
- R51/18 National Council of Churches – Safer Churches Conference**
- R52/18 Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission – Guidelines**
- R88/18 Issues arising from the Episcopal Standards Investigations Amendment Canon 2022**

## **STANDING COMMITTEE**

- R73/18 Thanks for Preparation of Bills for General Synod**
- R89/18 Location of Next General Synod**
- R93?/18 Accessible Online Synod**
- R102/18 Statutory Assessment**