

Anglican  
Church  
Diocese of Perth



# SYNOD 2025

## BOOK TWO

### BUSINESS PAPER

**First Session of the  
Fifty-Second Synod  
17-18 October 2025**

First Sitting - St George's Cathedral, Perth  
Second Sitting - Esplanade Hotel by Rydges, Fremantle



## BUSINESS PAPER

# FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF PERTH

17-18 October 2025

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# SYNOD 2025 – TIMETABLE

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## Friday 17 October 2025

St George's Cathedral, Perth

6.30pm

**Synod Eucharist**

**First Sitting**

7.45pm

**The President's Address**

## Saturday 18 October 2025

Southern Cross Ballroom, Esplanade Hotel by Rydges  
46-54 Marine Terrace, Fremantle

8.00am-8.45am

**Lay Conference**

**Second Sitting**

9.00am

Morning Prayer

9.20am

Housekeeping and Introduction to Electronic Voting

9.30am

**Synod Business**

10.00am\* - 10.30am

*Morning Tea*

**10.30am - 1.00pm**

**Synod Business**

(10.30am Order of the Day: Legislation)

1.00pm - 2.00pm\*

*Lunch*

**2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Synod Business**

(3.30pm Order of the Day: Clergy Retirements)

4.00pm - 4.30pm

*Afternoon Tea*

**4.30pm - 6.30pm\*\***

**Synod Business**

(6.00pm Order of the Day: Appreciation)

6.10pm - 6.30pm

Evening Prayer

**\* Synod Elections will be conducted between 10.00am and 2.00pm on Saturday 18 October**

**\*\* Synod may be requested to extend the Second Sitting to 7.00pm to conclude business if required**

## Sunday 19 October 2025

9.00am

**Rural Gathering Eucharist followed by Rural Conference**

Wollaston Theological College, Mt Claremont

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# BUSINESS PAPER

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## **First Sitting of the First Session of the Fifty-Second Synod Friday 17 October 2025**

*The business to be transacted at each Sitting of Synod is determined by Standing Order (SO72)*

- 1 Eucharist, St George's Cathedral**
- 2 The President's Address**

## **Second Sitting of the First Session of the Fifty-Second Synod Saturday 18 October 2025**

*The business to be transacted at each Sitting of Synod is determined by Standing Order (SO72)*

Morning Prayer led by the Chaplain.

- 1 Housekeeping and Introduction to Electronic Voting**
- 2 Welcome and Attendance**  
The President to remind all members who have not collected their name tags from the Information Desk to do so forthwith.
- 3 Apologies**  
A list of apologies from those unable to attend Synod is tabled.  
The President asks Synod 'Is leave of absence granted?'
- 4 Amendment to Standing Orders (Electronic Ballots) for Synod 2026**
  - 4.1 Mr Keith Stephens to move, Dr Carolyn Tan seconding, that this Synod amends Standing Orders of the Perth Diocesan Synod 2007 by the deletion of such words and numbers as are struck out, and by the addition of such words and numbers as are underlined in the text.

***Appendix 1***

- 5 Appointment of Officers (SO6.1)**

### **Appointed Officers**

The President has appointed from among the members of Synod the following officers:

#### **Steering Committee** of at least three (3) members

The Reverend Peter Manuel (Clerical Secretary)  
Mrs Carine Collins (Lay Secretary)  
Mr Keith Stephens (Diocesan Secretary)  
Mr Richard Offen (Claremont)

#### **Drafting Committee** of at least two (2) members

Mrs Carine Collins (Lay Secretary)  
Mr Richard Offen (Claremont)

#### **Minute Reading Committee** of one (1) clerical and two (2) lay members

The Reverend Lorna Green (Social Responsibilities Commission)  
Mrs Sally Boyle (York)  
Mrs Jen Grieve (Diocesan Council appointment)

**Chairperson of Committees and a Deputy Chairperson**

Mr Alan Dungey (Highgate) - Chairperson

Ms Kathryn Roach (St Mark's Anglican Community School) - Deputy Chairperson

**Returning Officer** (who is not a member of Synod)

Mr Torsten Marsden (Diocesan Chief Financial Officer)

**Eight (8) tellers** (who are not members of Synod)

Mr Mike Brown, Mrs Melanie Hare, Ms Cailin Hovell, Ms Amy Adams, Ms Samantha Chan, Ms Kirsten Rhoades, Ms Davina Goldthorpe and Ms Yvonne Hunt (Diocesan Office staff)

**6 Time set aside for voting** (SO70.3)

The President has determined the time of the ballot to be between 10.00am and 2.00pm on Saturday 18 October 2025.

**7 Early questions and early motions as appearing on the Business Paper** (SO18 and SO22)**7.1** The Reverend Pat Deeny, Parish of City Beach

What initiatives did the parishes of the diocese activate as part of the National Church's Hope25 project?

**7.2** Mr Jack Lambert, Social Responsibilities Commission

What are our agencies, in particular St Bart's and Anglicare WA, doing to support those at risk of or are experiencing homelessness in our city?

**7.3** The Reverend Dr Noah Mbano, Parish of Serpentine-Jarrahdale

How many people engaged with Wollaston Theological College this past year and what are some of the activities and events which brought people to connect with the College?

**7.4** The Reverend Canon Linda Pilton, Parishes of Woodlands-Wembley Downs and Scarborough

How is the new trauma informed school being developed by Parkerville Children and Youth Care aiming to improve the lives of some of the most disadvantaged children in Western Australia?

**8 Presentation of Petitions** (SO73.8)**9 Reports of Committees including the Minute Reading Committee** (SO73.9)**9.1 Minute Reading Committee**

The Minutes of the Third Session of the Fifty-First Synod of the Diocese of Perth were adopted at the 28 November 2024 meeting of Diocesan Council.

**10 Questions, notices of motion, and motions not appearing on the Business Paper** (SO73.7)**10.1** Late questions (SO19)**10.2** Notices of Motion (SO25)**10.3** Late motions (SO23)

## 11 Orders of the Day (SO73.11)

- 11.1 The President informs Synod of any Orders of the Day determined by the Steering Committee:

### Saturday 18 October 2025

10.30am Motions concerning Legislation (14.1-14.5)  
3.30pm Motion concerning Clergy Retirements (15.1)  
6.00pm Motion concerning Appreciation and General Thanks (15.2)

- 11.2 The President asks if there are further motions for Orders of the Day (SO50.4 and 73.11)

**Please note:** Orders of the Day **will not** be scheduled for the convenience of speakers.

## 12 Consideration of Formal Business (SO51)

**Note Standing Order 51:** All reports with the exception of the reports of Diocesan Council and The Perth Diocesan Trustees shall be tabled. Any member of Synod wishing to discuss the content of any other report shall give notice that they wish to do so by saying "Object" when the list of the reports to Synod is called over by the President. All reports to which no objection is made shall be moved formally forthwith.

### 12.1 Discovery and Reception of Formal Reports

The President tables the reports as printed on pages 8-13 and 46-95 of *Book One - Summons and Reports to Synod*.

The Episcopate	Diocesan Archives
All Saints' College	Flying Angel Club - Mission to Seafarers
Amana Living (Inc)	Guildford Grammar School (Inc)
and Amana Living Anglican Foundation (Inc)	Hale School
Anglican Board of Mission - Australia	Meath Care (Inc)
Anglican Cursillo Movement	Multicultural Ministry Commission
Anglican EcoCare Commission	Parkerville Children and Youth Care (Inc)
Anglican Mothers' Union Australia	Perth College (Inc)
Anglican Youth Ministries Foundation (Inc)	Social Responsibilities Commission
Anglicare WA (Inc)	St Bartholomew's House (Inc)
AngliSchools (The Anglican Schools Commission Inc)	St George's College (Inc)
Bush Church Aid Society of Australia	St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls (Inc)
Christ Church Grammar School (Inc)	St Mary's Anglican Girls' School (Inc)
Church Missionary Society - Western Australia (Inc)	Wollaston Theological College
Crosslinks	

### 12.2 Reception of Financial Reports

The President gives notice that the Diocesan Registrar has received financial statements in respect of the following organisations and that the same are now tabled for the information of Synod:

Amana Living (Inc)  
Amana Living Anglican Foundation (Inc)  
Anglican Youth Ministries Foundation (Inc)  
Anglican Community Fund (Inc)  
Anglicare WA (Inc)  
AngliSchools (The Anglican Schools Commission Inc)  
Parkerville Children and Youth Care (Inc)  
St Bartholomew's House (Inc)  
St Mary's Anglican Girls' School (Inc)



**12.3 Discovery of Formal Motions (See SO52)**

**Note Standing Order 51.3:** *In the discovery of Formal Motions, the President shall read to Synod the item number of each motion that is not for legislation as listed in the Business Paper. If any member wishes to debate a motion, they say "Object" when its item number is read. Unless they are the subject of an Order of the Day, formal motions are dealt with as they arise in the Business Paper (SO52.5). At the time the mover of the motion may speak to the matter for up to five minutes (SO32.3).*

**13 Reports of Diocesan Council, The Perth Diocesan Trustees and the Anglican Community Fund (SO51.1)**

13.1 Mr Keith Stephens to move, The Reverend Peter Manuel seconding, that the report of Diocesan Council for the year 2024/25 be received.

13.2 Mr Keith Stephens to move, Mr Brett Fullarton seconding, that the statement of monies appropriated or expended by Diocesan Council for the year ended 30 April 2025 be received and adopted.

13.3 Mr Sam Walsh AO to move, Mr Keith Stephens seconding, that the report of The Perth Diocesan Trustees for the 2025/25 year be received.

13.4 Mr Keith Stephens to move, Mr Brett Fullarton seconding, that the audited Synod statement showing the funds administered by The Perth Diocesan Trustees and the resources subject to Synod's control, and the manner in which they were employed at 30 April 2025, be received and adopted.

13.5 Mr Brett Fullarton to move, Mr Ian Leverington seconding, that the report of the Anglican Community Fund for the 2024/25 year be received.

**14 Legislation (Order of the Day - 11.00am Saturday 18 October)**

14.1 Mr Craig Bydder SC to move, Mr Eric Ross-Adjie seconding, that a Bill for a Statute to repeal the Cathedral Statute 2017 and adopt the Cathedral Statute 2025, be approved in principle.

**Appendix 2**

14.2 Mr Keith Stephens to move, The Venerable Peter Boyland seconding, that a Bill for a Statute to consent to amend the Constitution of the Province of Western Australia 1914, be approved in principle.

**Appendix 3**

**15 Motions for which notice had been given**

**15.1 Retiring Clergy (Order of the Day - 3.30pm Saturday 18 October)**

The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot to move, The Venerable Justine Coverdale seconding, That this Synod thanks Kathy Barrett-Lennard OAM, David Bradbury, Donato Fimognari, Lorna Green, Rob Healy, Bruce Hyde, Elizabeth Smith AM, John Taylor and Angela Webb for their ministry in the Diocese, and wishes them a happy, restful and blessed retirement; and calls up on the President to make presentations to them on behalf of the Diocesan family.

**15.2 Appreciation and General Thanks (Order of the Day - 6.00pm Saturday 18 October)**

Mr Keith Stephens to move, The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot seconding, That this Synod offers thanks to the President for her President's Address and for the chairing of Synod; and to all those involved in the organisation, preparation and delivery of Synod.

### 15.3 **Interfaith**

The Reverend Peregrin Campbell-Osgood to move, The Right Reverend Hans Christiansen seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 recognises and laments the recent increase in antisemitism, Islamophobia and other forms of religious intolerance in Australia;
- 2 lovingly offers support to people of all faiths who experience religious intolerance;
- 3 affirms, supports and prays for the work of the Anglican Communion's Anglican Inter Faith Commission in its purpose to support Anglican churches across the world in their relationship with different faiths and beliefs; and
- 4 calls upon parishes, schools and agencies to make respectful connections with other faith traditions, sharing our Christian faith through open and generous interfaith dialogue and shared activities, seeking to learn and grow together.

### 15.4 **Wings and Wildflowers Project – Rewilding our neighbourhoods**

The Reverend Bruce Hyde to move, The Reverend Barry Moss seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 acknowledges the significant impact that human habitation has had upon the native flora and fauna in this State of Western Australia since European colonisation;
- 2 affirms the Fifth Mark of Mission "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth", recognising environmental stewardship is a Gospel imperative; and
- 3 commends to the Diocese the Anglican EcoCare Commission's project "Wings and Wildflowers – Rewilding our neighbourhoods" and encourages
  - a parishes, schools and agencies to learn more about native bird populations,
  - b the planting of native plant species in private gardens, around schools and agencies,
  - c the installation of strategic watering points, and
  - d to become aware of the local bird populations in their patch and to record this information.

### 15.5 **Reconciliation Action Plan**

Mr Ian Carter AM to move, Dr Carolyn Tan seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 acknowledges that reconciliation with First Nations Peoples is a key pillar of the work and daily life of the Diocese of Perth;
- 2 uses the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* with its call for Voice, Treaty and Truth as a key part of walking forward on our reconciliation journey;
- 3 looks forward to the launch of the Diocesan Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) later this year; and
- 4 walking forward, may the voice of God's deep and abiding grace be our companion for reconciliation, new learning and planning together.

### 15.6 **Gender Equity in Ministry**

The Venerable Justine Coverdale to move, The Reverend Sarah Stapleton seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 gives thanks for the long and faithful ministry of women in this Diocese;
- 2 acknowledges the leadership of bishops past and present, and other senior leaders, who have actively encouraged the appointment of women and fostered women's vocations to ordained ministry;
- 3 notes the findings of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn's *Addressing Disparity Report* (2024) particularly noting the challenges women face in discerning and exercising vocational ministry, and the decline in women's leadership;

- 4 requests Diocesan Council to create a working group to investigate recent trends in women's ministry, including qualitative and quantitative data, and make recommendations to enhance opportunities for women in ministry and leadership in this Diocese; and
- 5 requests that the working group report its findings and recommendations to Synod in 2026.

#### 15.7 **Responding to the violence in Gaza**

Mr John Snobar to move, The Reverend Gemma Baseley seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 laments the immense loss of life, destruction of communities, and widespread trauma caused by the war in Gaza and the escalating violence in the West Bank, recognising the image of God in all people (Genesis 1:27);
- 2 affirms our calling to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9), to act justly (Micah 6:8), and to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6), knowing that true peace requires justice, dignity, and human rights for all peoples in the land;
- 3 commits to:
  - a encouraging all parishes to pray regularly for the people of Gaza and the West Bank, for Israelis and Palestinians who grieve and suffer, and especially for our sisters and brothers in the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem;
  - b reviewing the diocesan investment portfolio to ensure it is not linked to companies profiting from the occupation, blockade, or settlement expansion (eg settlement construction, surveillance and security, or utilities supplied to settlements);
  - c reaffirming our exclusion of armaments and supporting international calls to end the arms trade with Israel until international law is upheld;
  - d advocating to the Australian Government for a permanent ceasefire, humanitarian access, the release of hostages and political prisoners, and the protection of civilians in line with international law; and
- 4 expresses solidarity with Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities in Australia and abroad who seek peace, reconciliation, and the rejection of hatred and violence in all its forms, including antisemitism and Islamophobia.

#### 15.8 **Towards Sustainable Energy in the Diocese**

The Reverend Gemma Baseley to move, Professor Peter Newman AO seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 commends the example of St Paul's Beaconsfield, which (in recognition of the Fifth Mark of Mission) has installed solar panels, battery storage, and electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure as a faithful and practical response to environmental responsibility;
- 2 encourages parishes and diocesan bodies to:
  - a consider undertaking an environmental audit of their energy use and carbon emissions;
  - b explore the feasibility of installing solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, battery storage, and EV charging stations on their properties;
  - c prioritise renewable energy and sustainable design in all future building works, renovations, and maintenance projects;
- 3 affirms the importance of adopting long-term goals towards reducing carbon emissions across diocesan life, in line with international climate commitments and the Church's vocation to care for creation, maintaining the goal of reaching Net Zero by 2030;
- 4 requests that Anglican EcoCare provides practical support and resources to assist parishes and agencies in undertaking this work.
- 5 requests the Anglican EcoCare Commission to include in its 2026 report to Synod the progress made and examples of environmental sustainability initiatives across the Diocese.

#### 15.9 **Homelessness**

The Venerable Amanda Herriman to move, The Reverend Peregrin Campbell-Osgood seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 laments the current housing crisis and the rapidly growing number of people who are unhoused in Western Australia; and
- 2 requests Diocesan Council to create a working group to explore the possibility of implementing a winter shelter program similar in nature to the 'Stable One' program operating in Victoria and Queensland.

#### 15.10 **Lay Conference at Synod**

Dr Her-Mann Thai to move, Mr Tom Allen seconding,

That this Synod include the Lay Conference as an official part of Synod, and that it be scheduled later in the Session to allow for more meaningful engagement and discussion on matters raised during the earlier proceedings of the day.

#### 15.11 **Wollaston Theological College**

Mr Peter Goff to move, Mrs Rechelle Le Grange seconding,

That this Synod requests Diocesan Council to:

- 1 review the functions of Wollaston Theological College and the cost of running the facility with the intent of identifying savings which could be applied to reductions in the Diocesan Assessment levied on parishes; and
- 2 report to the 2026 Synod with recommendations on the functions of the College, the use of the site and the scope for cost savings by outsourcing or other means.

#### 15.12 **Schools**

The Reverend Peter Laurence OAM to move, Mrs Lynne Thomson seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 Gives thanks to God for the establishment of The Anglican Schools Commission Incorporated (now trading as AngliSchools) at the 1985 Synod of the Diocese of Perth;
- 2 rejoices in AngliSchools' unwavering commitment to its core purpose - to establish new schools, continue to support and develop its existing ones, providing low-fee, high quality, inclusive schooling with a distinct Anglican identity;
- 3 prays for the 18,000 students and over 2,500 staff who learn and work each day in one of the 16 AngliSchools in the Diocese of Perth and beyond; and
- 4 looks forward to a bright future, with a vision to become Australia's leading provider of quality, inclusive Anglican schools, united in faith and living out our Anglican identity.

#### 15.13 **Anniversary of *A Prayer Book for Australia***

The Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith AM to move, The Very Reverend Chris Chataway seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 recalls with gratitude the publication in 1995 of *A Prayer Book for Australia* as liturgical resources for the Anglican Church of Australia; and
- 2 affirms the continuing value of *APBA*, with all its flexibility, in expressing our shared Anglican identity and theology for worship, pastoral care, teaching and evangelism.

#### 15.14 **1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea**

The Reverend Dr Bill Leadbetter to move, The Reverend Jacob Legarda seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 gives thanks to God for the 1700th anniversary of the universal Church's first ecumenical council; and
- 2 affirms the Nicene Creed as a core statement of Christian faith professed by the Anglican Church of Australia.

**15.15 Clergy Working Week**

The Reverend Ben Underwood to move, Ms Mei Wood seconding,  
That this Synod:

- 1 recognises the work of the Diocesan Council Sub-committee on Clergy Working Hours and Patterns; and
- 2 notes the strong support from laity, clergy and bishops, in the responses to the recent survey on the clergy working week, for policy language such as: “Clergy are expected to work diligently and rest regularly in a godly pattern which will support them to be healthy human beings, faithful Christians, and fruitful in their ministries. Full-time clergy are encouraged to spread their work time of approximately 40 hours per week on average flexibly over five to six days in a normal week, with at least one clear day free of ministry commitments. Clerical ministry is likely to include some evening availability, and special events outside normal work hours or days. Weekly days off may be taken consecutively”; and
- 3 requests Diocesan Council to make such policy changes as are appropriate after consideration of the report and survey.

**15.16 Parish Mission Giving**

Mr Bruce Herriman to move, Mr Ian Carter AM seconding,  
That this Synod:

- 1 acknowledges and affirms the financial contributions parishes make to agencies and organisations as mission giving; and
- 2 requests that Diocesan Council review the current list of missionary agencies that receive monies from parishes which is exempt from Diocesan Assessment as per section 66.5 of Parish Governance Policy 12 (Anglican Board of Mission - Australia; Church Missionary Society; SparkLit; Bush Church Aid; The Mission to Seafarers; Social Responsibilities Commission or Anglican EcoCare Commission).

**15.17 Persecution of partners in the gospel in Africa and the Middle East**

Mrs Janice Panton to move, Ms Kathryn Roach seconding,  
That this Synod:

- 1 notes with concern and great mourning the ongoing murder of our partners in the gospel in large parts of Africa and the Middle East, leading to near eradication of Christian community in some parts;
- 2 notes the lack of media coverage (mainstream and social) of the ongoing persecution of Christians in the world and the concomitant lack of community awareness of and concern for these circumstances; and
- 3 calls upon the Archbishop to issue a statement expressing the Diocese’s distress at the ongoing and unabated persecution of Christians in many parts of the world for no other reason than that they call on the name of Christ.

**15.18 Responding to Family and Domestic Violence (FDV)**

The Reverend Matthew Smedley to move, The Reverend Chris Thomason seconding,  
That this Synod:

- 1 laments the tragic loss of life and the immense harm caused by FDV across our communities, recognising its devastating impact on individuals, families, and society;
- 2 affirms the Gospel imperative to stand with those who suffer, to seek justice, to give a voice to the voiceless, and to promote healing and wholeness in the face of violence and abuse;
- 3 continues to endorse and support the Anglican Church of Australia’s Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Family and Domestic Violence;
- 4 acknowledges and gives thanks for the sustained partnership and collaboration between the Anglican Diocese of Perth’s FDV Working Group and Anglicare WA in responding to family and domestic violence, including through training, advocacy, pastoral care, and support services;

- 5 encourages all parishes, schools, and agencies within the Diocese to engage meaningfully in this work though:
  - a fostering safe and informed communities;
  - b participating in training initiatives offered through Anglicare WA such as the Standing Together primary prevention program;
  - c engaging in advocacy initiatives such as the Purple Bench project; and
  - d promoting respectful relationships and expectations of behaviour in our church communities as outlined in *Being Together*; and
- 6 commits to ongoing theological reflection, prayer, and action as a Church, seeking to embody Christ's compassion and justice in addressing FDV.

**15.19 Anglican Board of Mission - 175th Anniversary**

The Reverend Matthew Smedley to move, Mr Philip Goldsworthy seconding,  
That this Synod:

- 1 rejoices with the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) as it celebrates its 175th Anniversary of serving God's mission, on 29 October 2025.
- 2 acknowledges with gratitude the involvement of this Diocese in this service, remembering those who have worked for God's love, hope and justice as staff, and volunteers, in Australia and abroad. We particularly honour the deep commitment of the ABM Diocesan Committee over many years.
- 3 encourages participation in the 175th Anniversary events organised by ABM in the Diocese, including the service in St George's Cathedral on Sunday 26 October, and the 175th Anniversary service and dinner in Sydney on 29 October;
- 4 gives thanks for the gifts and prayers offered by this diocese over many years; and
- 5 encourages the Diocese and its member faith communities to financially and prayerfully support:
  - a ABM's Reconciliation work being done by First Nations Peoples throughout Australia;
  - b ABM's Church to Church work being done by partner churches across the Anglican Communion as they work for love, hope and justice in their own contexts; and
  - c mission education, through the use of ABM Educational and Lenten/Season of Creation/Advent resources.

# NOTICE OF ELECTIONS BY SYNOD 2025

In accordance with Standing Order 70.3(b), the President gives notice that the **elections will be conducted** at this Session of Synod on Saturday 18 October 2025 **between 10.00am and 2.00pm**.

Nominations, in accordance with Standing Order 27.3, should be submitted to the Diocesan Registrar no later than **5.00pm on 7 October 2025**. Nominations received after that time **WILL NOT** be accepted. The Synod Election Nominations Form is available on the Diocesan website at [2025-6-Synod-Election-Nomination-Form.pdf](#).

- 1 ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE**  
1 Member of the Board to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 2 ANGLICAN ECOCARE COMMISSION**  
1 Member of the Commission to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 3 ANGLICAN ECOCARE COMMISSION**  
1 Member of the Commission to be elected for the remainder of a 3-year term expiring Synod 2027
- 4 ARCHBISHOP ELECTION COMMITTEE (Lay)**  
10 Lay Members of Synod to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 5 ARCHBISHOP ELECTION COMMITTEE (Clerical)**  
10 Clerical Members of Synod to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 6 DIOCESAN COUNCIL (Lay)**  
5 Lay Members of Synod to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 7 DIOCESAN COUNCIL (Clerical)**  
3 Clerical Members of Synod to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 8 DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL (Lay - Female)**  
3 Lay Female Members of the Tribunal to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 9 DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL (Lay - Male)**  
3 Lay Male Members of the Tribunal to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 10 DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL (Clerical - Female)**  
3 Clerical Female Members of the Tribunal to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 11 DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL (Clerical - Male)**  
3 Clerical Male Members of the Tribunal to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 12 GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE (Lay)**  
6 Lay Members of Synod to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 13 GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES (Clerical)**  
6 Clerical Members of Synod to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 14 MEATH CARE**  
2 Members of the Board to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028

- 15 NOMINATION BOARD (Clerical)**  
10 Clerical Members of Synod to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 16 PARKERVILLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CARE**  
3 Members of the Board of Directors to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 17 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL (Lay)**  
2 Lay Members of Provincial Council to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 18 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL (Lay)**  
2 Clerical Members of Provincial Council to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 19 ST HILDA'S ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**  
2 Members of Council to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028
- 20 ST HILDA'S ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**  
1 Member of Council to be elected for the remainder of a 3-year term expiring Synod 2026
- 21 THE PERTH DIOCESAN TRUSTEES (Lay)**  
1 Lay Member of The Trustees to be elected for the remainder of a 9-year term expiring Synod 2030
- 22 THE PERTH DIOCESAN TRUSTEES (Clerical)**  
1 Clerical Member of The Trustees to be elected for a 3-year term expiring Synod 2028



# SYNOD MEMBERS

@ 5 SEPTEMBER 2025

## LISTED ALPHABETICALLY BY PARISH / AGENCY / SCHOOL / ORGANISATION

Last Name	Full Name Formal	Synod Representative
Flanigan	The Reverend Liz Flanigan	All Saints' College
Provis	Ms Belinda Provis	All Saints' College
Bishop	The Reverend James Bishop	Amana Living
Goring	The Reverend Jeni Goring	Amana Living
Grevel ObISB	The Reverend Sylvia Grevel ObISB	Amana Living
Harrison	Ms Julie Harrison	Amana Living
Wilson	Ms Sue Wilson	Amana Living
Buckland	Ms Stephanie Buckland	Amana Living*
Harvey	Ms Yvonne Harvey	Anglican Board of Mission
Leverington	Mr Ian Leverington	Anglican Community Fund
MacLeod AM	Dr Ian MacLeod AM	Anglican Community Fund
Hemmings	Mr Simon Hemmings	Anglican EcoCare Commission
Hyde	The Reverend Bruce Hyde	Anglican EcoCare Commission
Houghton	Mrs Davina Houghton	Anglican Mothers' Union Australia (Perth)
Anderson	Mrs Sheryl Anderson	Anglican Youth Ministries Foundation
Snobar	Mr John Snobar	Anglican Youth Ministries Foundation
Glasson	Mr Mark Glasson	Anglicare WA
Parfitt	Mrs Christine Parfitt	Anglicare WA
Thomason	The Reverend Chris Thomason	Anglicare WA
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Kirkpatrick	Mr Keith Kirkpatrick	Balga-Mirrabooka
Thomson	The Venerable Jack Thomson	Balga-Mirrabooka
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Markham	Mr Nick Markham	Bassendean
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Spencer	Ms Caroline Spencer	Claremont
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McAuley	Ms Joey McAuley	Darlington-Bellevue
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Stephens	Mrs Sarah Stephens	St Bart's
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Gee	Ms Steph Gee	Subiaco
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Burt AM	Mr Julian Burt AM	Trustee
Dawes	Mr Peter Dawes	Trustee
Ford	Ms Anne Ford	Trustee
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Stapleton	The Reverend Sarah Stapleton	West Nedlands
Buxton	Mr Jeremy Buxton	West Perth
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Simpson	Mrs Kay Simpson	Whitfords
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Mould	Mr Brian Mould	Willagee-Kardinya
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Stickland	The Reverend Leon Stickland	Wongan Hills-Dalwallinu
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Pilton	The Reverend Canon Linda Pilton	Woodlands-Wembley Downs and Scarborough
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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FOR A MOTION TO AMEND  
THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE DIOCESE OF PERTH 2007**

The purpose of these amendments is to make possible electronic voting for Synod elections.

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### GLOSSARY AND INTERPRETATION

#### 1. Explanation of certain terms

- 1.1. The explanations provided in Standing Order 1.2 are to assist members of Synod and do not vary any meanings given to the terms in any Statute or in these Standing Orders.
- 1.2. Brief explanations of terms and concepts:
 

**General Synod:** the national Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia. It meets triennially.

**Canon:** legislation passed by General Synod with a view to providing uniform legislation across the whole of Australia. It has no force in a Diocese until adopted in that Diocese. Provisional Canons have no force until assented to by a large majority of Dioceses and then adopted by a particular Diocese.

**Synod:** a body of licensed clergy and elected laity who make decisions under the leadership of the Archbishop. In this Diocese each Synod has a life of three years and is referred to as "The N<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese".

**Voting by Houses:** Most decisions of Synod are made by the clergy and laity voting together, and legislative decisions require the President's assent. A vote 'by Houses' may also be called for. In that case, the provisions of Standing Orders 68.4 and 68.5 apply.

**Committee:** Synod may resolve to form itself into a committee of the whole, allowing the business before it to be handled in a less formal way. There will be a visible sign that Synod is in committee, such as the laying down of the President's pastoral staff.

**Diocesan Council:** means the body constituted by the Diocesan Council Statute, and which is the body that acts on behalf of Synod when Synod is in recess.

**Notice:** Synod cannot consider some motions or questions unless it has been informed of the intention to move or ask them at least a day (and sometimes a year) beforehand. The Notice informs Synod of such a motion or question and the intention to move or ask it.

#### 2. Interpretation

- 2.1. The meanings of words and phrases given in the Interpretation Statute 2016 apply in these Standing Orders except that for the purposes of the Standing Orders the words and phrases listed hereunder have their meanings given or altered as follows:
 

**Bill:** a bill for a Statute and, in relation to a Statute, the bill for that Statute.

**Business Paper:** the document setting out the business to be considered by Synod and the order in which it is proposed to be dealt with.

**Chairperson:** the chairperson of a Committee.

**Clause:** includes a schedule to a Bill.

**Committee:** a committee of the whole Synod.

**Formal business:** a motion or report upon which there is no debate.

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to sections 12(1) and 12(2) of the Constitution Act of the Diocese of Perth 1871

**member:** a member of Synod or of the committee of the whole Synod.

**Order of the Day:** the result of a resolution of Synod that a matter will be dealt with at a particular time and on a particular day.

**Resolution:** a resolution that has been passed by Synod or is being proposed to Synod by way of a motion, as the context requires.

**Secretary or Secretaries:** the secretaries elected by Synod.

**Session:** an assembly of members of Synod, normally held annually and over several days, and referred to as “The 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the N<sup>th</sup> Synod”.

**Sitting:** each of the sitting days of a Session of Synod.

**Statute:** any existing Statute or Bill that is passed in accordance with *Standing Order 66* and has come into force in accordance with *Standing Order 67*.

### THE PRESIDENT, THE CHAIRPERSON AND COURTESIES

#### 3. The President of Synod

- 3.1. The Archbishop is the President of Synod.
- 3.2. The President is to conduct Synod’s business according to these Standing Orders and:
  - (a) may speak on any matter before Synod or Committee without vacating the chair; and
  - (b) is to decide all questions of order. The President’s decision is final unless Synod resolves to alter it.
- 3.3. Members of Synod are to:
  - (a) stand, if able, when the President enters or leaves the Synod hall;
  - (b) remain where they are and keep silence while the President is entering or leaving the hall;
  - (c) address all remarks to the President, using the style “Mr [or Madam] President” as appropriate;
  - (d) bow to the President while Synod is sitting:
    - (i) after they rise from their seats to leave the hall; and
    - (ii) before they take their seats having entered the hall.

#### 4. The Chairperson of Committees

- 4.1. When Synod considers any matter in Committee then the Chairperson conducts its business according to these Standing Orders.
- 4.2. When Synod is in Committee, the Chairperson:
  - (a) has the same powers as the President has when Synod is not in Committee; and
  - (b) may make editorial alterations to matters and Bills before the Committee provided that the substance of the matter is unchanged. Such alterations include:
    - (i) correcting grammatical, typographical and spelling errors; and
    - (ii) re-numbering sections and cross-references in consequence of amendments.
- 4.3. When in Committee, members of Synod are to:
  - (a) address all remarks to the Chairperson, using the style “Mr [or Madam] Chairperson” as appropriate; and
  - (b) bow to the Chairperson while Synod is in Committee:
    - (i) after they rise from their seats to leave the hall; and
    - (ii) before they take their seats having entered the hall.
- 4.4. If the Chairperson desires to leave the chair then the chair is taken by:
  - (a) the Deputy Chairperson; or
  - (b) the President
 until the Chairperson resumes the chair.

#### 5. Courtesies by members of Synod

- 5.1. Members of Synod are:
  - (a) to be seated and keep silence when the President or Chairperson rise in their place, and remain seated in silence until they resume their seat;
  - (b) to allow any member who has the call of the President or Chairperson to speak without interruption, except to ask a question of order;
  - (c) if able, to stand when speaking;
  - (d) to adhere to the subject of the debate; and
  - (e) to refrain from making personal reflections on, or attributing improper motives to, any other member.
- 5.2. When their turn to speak draws near, members of Synod intending to speak on any matter are to move to vacant seats near the microphones or such other places appointed for speaking and may return to their previous seat after they have spoken.
- 5.3. All documents etc to be circulated during Synod must:
  - (a) have the prior approval of the President; or
  - (b) have the authority of a Statute or of these Standing Orders.

### APPOINTED OF ELECTED SYNOD OFFICERS

#### 6. Appointment of officers

- 6.1. At the first Sitting of each Session of Synod, the President will appoint from among the members the following officers:

- (a) a Steering Committee of at least three members;
  - (b) a Drafting Committee of at least two members;
  - (c) a Minute Reading Committee of one clerical and two lay members;
  - (d) a Chairperson of Committees and a Deputy Chairperson; and,
- 6.2 (a) one returning officer who is not a member  
(b) at least eight tellers who are not members
- the term of office for these officers shall be for the sole session of synod.
- 7. Election of officers**
- 7.1 <sup>2</sup>Every three years, at the first Sitting of the Session of the Synod, the Synod is to elect from among its members one clerical Secretary and one lay Secretary.
- 7.2 The appointment of these Secretaries will become effective at the beginning of the first Sitting of the Session of the Synod following that at which they were elected and will be for nominally three years or until the appointment of their successors becomes effective.
- 8. Vacancies among appointed or elected officers**
- 8.1. Appointed or elected officers may resign their office by written notice to the Diocesan Registrar, upon receipt of which their office becomes vacant.
- 8.2. Elected offices are deemed vacant when the officer ceases to be a member of Synod by death or any other cause.
- 8.3. Vacancies among offices may be filled for the remainder of their term either by:
- (a) the Diocesan Council appointing an eligible person to the office; or
  - (b) the Synod electing an eligible person.
- 8.4. If an elected officer is absent for any part of Synod, or otherwise unwilling or unable to perform the duties of the office, then Synod appoints another member to perform the duties on a temporary basis.

#### **POWERS AND DUTIES OF SYNOD OFFICERS**

**9. The Steering Committee**

- 9.1. The Steering Committee, in consultation with the President:
- (a) determines how the hours of meeting are allocated, including:
    - (i) any Orders of the Day that it deems appropriate, whether:
      - (A) by its own initiative; or
      - (B) upon request from a member;
    - (ii) the times of breaks for worship, meals and other purposes;
  - (b) determines the order in which business is considered:
    - (i) prior to each Session; and
    - (ii) both prior to and during each Sitting, provided that business remaining on the Business Paper at the end of a Sitting has precedence at the next Sitting;
  - (c) identifies items of business that it considers to be:
    - (i) controversial; or
    - (ii) vital to the life of the Diocese; and
 plans for such business as required by *Standing Order 53.2*.
- 9.2. The Steering Committee may consult with the Diocesan Registrar and such others as it deems appropriate.
- 9.3. Synod may alter the arrangements proposed by the Steering Committee by passing a resolution to that effect.

**10. The Drafting Committee**

- 10.1. The Drafting Committee:
- (a) makes editorial and drafting changes to the text of motions to be placed on the Business Paper, while preserving their meaning; and
  - (b) on referral by Synod or Committee, drafts forms of words for motions and amendments to achieve the ends expressed by Synod or Committee.

**11. The Secretaries**

- 11.1. The Secretaries:
- (a) provide a Register of attendance for each Sitting;
  - (b) prepare Minutes of the proceedings of Synod whether in Committee or not;
  - (c) hold the original Reports, Statutes and Resolutions of the Synod; and
  - (d) may make editorial alterations to matters considered by the Synod or the Committee provided that the substance of the matter is unchanged. Such alterations include:
    - (i) correcting grammatical, typographical and spelling errors; and
    - (ii) re-numbering sections and cross-references in consequence of amendments.
- 11.2. At the close of each Session the Secretaries are to deliver to the Registrar of the Diocese the documents referred to in *Standing Order 11.1*.

**12. The Returning Officer<sup>3</sup>**

- 12.1. The Returning Officer has oversight of all voting and elections, including:

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<sup>2</sup> Amended Synod 2019

<sup>3</sup> Amended Synod 2025

- (a) Oversight of electronic voting  
~~(a)~~(b) receiving the reports of the tellers  
~~(b)~~(c) supervising the distribution of ballot papers and their return;  
~~(c)~~(d) determining the validity of ballot papers; and  
~~(d)~~(e) reporting the results of counts and ballots to the President or Chairperson.
- 12.2. The Returning Officer may enlist the help of the scrutineers when distributing ballot papers.
- 13. Minute Reading Committee**
- 13.1. After each Sitting, the Minute Reading Committee:
- reads and, if necessary, corrects the Minutes;
  - signs the Minutes as a true and correct record; and
  - reports to the President that they have read and certified the Minutes.
- 13.2. The President is to present each report of the Minute Reading Committee to the next Sitting of Synod or the next meeting of Diocesan Council, whichever is held first, where it is to be considered for adoption.

#### CONCERNING STANDING ORDERS

- 14. Standing Orders: variation and cases not provided for**
- 14.1. Any Standing Order may at any time be temporarily suspended or varied if a motion to that effect is proposed:
- with notice and carried by a majority of the members present and voting; or
  - without notice and carried by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.
- 14.2. The form of words for a temporary suspension of Standing Orders is:  
 THAT so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent *[a description of that which it is desired to do]*.  
 If the motion is carried, then Standing Orders are suspended until the purpose of the suspension is accomplished, at which point they are deemed reinstated.
- 14.3. Any Standing Order may be permanently rescinded or varied if a motion to that effect is carried by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.
- 14.4. In cases for which no provision is made in Standing Orders, the President is to decide in accordance with the rules, forms and practices of the House of Representatives of the Federal Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia.

#### MEETING TIMES AND QUORUM

- 15. Days and times of meeting**
- 15.1. Unless Synod resolves otherwise, it sits daily while it is in Session.
- 15.2. The President determines the hours of meeting in consultation with the Steering Committee.
- 15.3. The President takes the Chair at the appointed commencement time of each Sitting and commences the business as soon as a quorum is present.
- 16. Quorum**
- 16.1. The quorum for Synod and for Committee is:
- the President;
  - one quarter of the members of the House of Clergy; and
  - one quarter of the members of the House of Laity.
- 17. When a quorum is lacking**
- 17.1. If there is no quorum within thirty (30) minutes of the President taking the Chair at the commencement of a Sitting, then the President adjourns Synod to its next Sitting.
- 17.2. At any time, a member may ask the President or Chairperson if a quorum is present, and business is suspended immediately, and the members present are counted.
- If a quorum is present, then business resumes at the point at which it was left off.
  - If there is no quorum and a quorum is not formed within five minutes, then:
    - if Synod is in Committee, the Chairperson leaves the chair and reports the lack of a quorum to the President who shall adjourn Synod to its next Sitting; or
    - if Synod is not in Committee, the President shall adjourn Synod to its next Sitting.
  - If a quorum is present when Synod resumes then it proceeds with its business where it left off, except that Orders of the Day take precedence.

#### PLACING QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS ON THE BUSINESS PAPER

- 18. Early questions**
- 18.1. If the text of a question to be asked of the President is received by the Diocesan Registrar not less than fifty (50) days before the commencement of the Session of Synod at which it is to be asked, along with the name of the questioner, then:
- the Diocesan Registrar or the Drafting Committee may make editorial or drafting changes to the text of the question, while preserving its meaning; and
  - the Diocesan Registrar places the question on the Business Paper, and it takes precedence over all late questions.
- 19. Late questions**
- 19.1. At the time provided under *Standing Order 73.10* any member:

- (a) may ask a question of the President; and
- (b) must then give two legible copies of the question to the Secretaries.

The question is added to the Business Paper after all other questions, and a copy is posted on a notice board in the venue where the Synod is meeting.

## **20. Notices of motion**

- 20.1. Where a Statute requires that Synod be notified of a motion in advance, notice is given using the following form of words:  
I give notice that at the next [*Sitting or Session etc*] of Synod, I propose to move THAT [*the words or the purpose of the motion to be moved*].
- 20.2. Notices of motion must satisfy the requirements of *Standing Order 22* and are treated under it as if they were motions.

## **21. Statutes**

- 21.1. <sup>4</sup>Any motion for a Statute or for amendments to a Statute is treated according to *Standing Order 22* except that it must be received by the Diocesan Registrar not less than one hundred (100) calendar days before the commencement of the Session of Synod at which it is to be considered<sup>5</sup>.
- 21.2. Synod may order the introduction of a Statute or amendments to a Statute on the report of a committee, without complying with the requirements of *Standing Order 21.1*.

## **22. Early motions**

- 22.1. <sup>6</sup>The text of any motion to be placed upon the Business Paper is to be received by the Diocesan Registrar not less than fifty (50) calendar days before the commencement of the Session of Synod at which it is to be considered<sup>2</sup>, along with the names of its mover and seconder.
- 22.2. The Diocesan Registrar or the Drafting Committee may make editorial or drafting changes to the text of the motion, while preserving its meaning.
- 22.3. The Diocesan Registrar places the motion on the Business Paper, and it takes precedence over all late motions.

## **23. Late motions**

- 23.1. The procedure for motions not meeting the requirements of *Standing Order 21* is as follows:
  - (a) legible copies of the motion are given to:
    - (i) the President; and
    - (ii) the Secretaries;
  - (b) at the time provided under *Standing Order 73.10*, the member seeking inclusion of the motion in the Business Paper is given one minute to state the purpose of the motion and to justify its inclusion;
  - (c) any member opposing the inclusion is given one minute to explain their reasons, without debating the purpose of the motion; and
  - (d) the President asks:  
Is leave granted to include the motion in the Business Paper?  
If leave is granted, the motion is added to the end of the Business Paper.

## **ASKING QUESTIONS AND GIVING NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

### **24. Asking and answering of questions**

- 24.1. At the time provided under *Standing Order 73.6* the President calls upon members whose questions appear on the Business Paper to ask their questions.
- 24.2. Immediately after each question is asked, or at such later time as the President deems appropriate, the President or the President's nominee provides an answer or other response.
- 24.3. All questions asked, and any answers given:
  - (a) are recorded in the Minutes; and
  - (b) copies are available on request from the Synod Secretaries.

### **25. Giving notice of motion**

- 25.1. At the time provided under *Standing Order 73.6*, the President calls upon members whose notices appear on the Business Paper to give notice of their motions by reading their notices.
- 25.2. Where a notice of motion does not satisfy the requirements of *Standing Order 20.2*, notice may be given as follows:  
At the time provided under *Standing Order 73.4* any member:
  - (a) may give notice of a motion; and
  - (b) must then give two legible copies of the notice of motion to the Secretaries.
- 25.3. All notices of motion are recorded in the Minutes.

## **ELECTIONS BY SYNOD**

### **26. Synod Officers and Select Committees**

- 26.1. *Standing Order 27* does not apply:

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<sup>6</sup> Amended Synod 2019

- (a) to the officers of Synod referred to in *Standing Order 6.1*, who may be nominated in a motion without notice; or
- (b) to members of Select Committees of Synod referred to in *Standing Order 71*, where provision for their election is made.

## **27. Other elections**

- 27.1. Notice of all vacancies other than those referred to in *Standing Order 26* must be given in the Summons.
- 27.2. Any two (2) members may nominate in writing any eligible person for election to fill a vacancy, provided that the person gives their signed consent on the nomination form.
- 27.3. The nomination form is to:
  - (a) include biographical details of the nominee; and
  - (b) <sup>7</sup>be received by the Diocesan Registrar not less than ten (10) calendar days before the commencement of the Session of Synod at which the election is to take place.
- 27.4. Where, after the close of nominations, the number of nominees:
  - (a) exceeds the number of vacancies, then an election is held as provided in *Standing Order 70*; or
  - (b) does not exceed the number of vacancies, then:
    - (i) the nominees are declared elected; and
    - (ii) any remaining vacancies are filled by Diocesan Council.
- 27.5. <sup>8</sup>Should any vacancy or vacancies fail to be notified under *Standing Order 27.1*, or should any election fail for any cause, the vacancy shall be filled by Synod or, if Synod not be in session, by the Diocesan Council.

## **THE SUMMONS**

### **28. The summons**

- 28.1. The Archbishop is to summon all members of Synod to each Session of Synod by sending a summons to them not less than twenty-eight (28) days before its commencement.
- 28.2. The summons is to include:
  - (a) the dates and times of each Sitting;
  - (b) the place of sitting; and
  - (c) such other details as may assist members.

### **29. Documents to accompany the summons**

- 29.1. The summons contains or is accompanied by:
  - (a) a copy of these Standing Orders;
  - (b) a list of the names of all members of Synod, and their parish or basis of membership of Synod;
  - (c) the Business Paper as ordered by the Steering Committee, which is to include:
    - (i) the text of every motion, question and notice that the Diocesan Registrar has placed on the Business Paper; and
    - (ii) any explanatory memoranda or appendices;
  - (d) a draft of every Statute or amendment to a Statute to be considered;
  - (e) notice of all vacancies in elected positions to be filled by Synod other than those referred to in *Standing Orders 7 and 71*, and nomination forms for them; and
  - (f) a copy of the reports to be presented or tabled at the Session of Synod if received by the Diocesan Registrar not less than forty<sup>9</sup> (40) days before its commencement;

## **SPEECHES**

### **30. Speaking in Synod**

- 30.1. When no business is before Synod, members may speak only:
  - (a) to propose a motion; or
  - (b) to ask a question of the President.
- 30.2. When a motion is before Synod, members may speak only once to that motion and to each motion for amendment, except that:
  - (a) the proposer of a principal motion has the right of reply;
  - (b) seconding a principal motion or an amendment to a motion formally does not constitute speaking to it; and
  - (c) the asking or answering of a question for clarification or a procedural question does not constitute speaking to a motion.

### **31. Speaking in Committee**

- 31.1. When Synod is in Committee, members may speak as often as they wish to any motion.

### **32. Duration of speeches<sup>10</sup>**

- 32.1. Standing Orders specify the duration of certain speeches as follows:
  - (a) leave to include a late motion in the Business Paper: *see Standing Order 23*;

<sup>7</sup> Amended Synod 2019

<sup>8</sup> Taken from Statute to Regulate Elections by Synod 1974-82, which is otherwise duplicated by the Standing Orders

<sup>9</sup> Amended Synod 2011

<sup>10</sup> Amended Synod 2022



- (b) controversial and/or vital motions: *see Standing Order 54.1(c)*.
- 32.2. On a motion that a bill be approved in principle:
  - (a) the mover may speak for not more than fifteen (15) minutes in support of the motion,
  - (b) the seconder may speak for not more than ten (10) minutes, and
  - (c) any other member speaking to the motion and the mover speaking in reply may speak for not more than five (5) minutes.
- 32.3. On any motion other than those referred to in *Standing Orders 32.1 and 32.2*:
  - (a) the mover may speak for up to five (5) minutes when proposing the motion, provided that the motion is not an amendment;
  - (b) the mover of an amendment, any other speaker and the mover speaking in reply may speak for not more than three (3) minutes,
 except that no time restriction is placed upon the mover and seconder of the reports named in *Standing Order 50.1*.
- 32.4. Extensions of time are at the discretion of Synod or Committee.
- 32.5. The President or Chairperson, or their nominee, indicates:
  - (a) when one (1) minute of each speaker's allotted time remains; and
  - (b) when the speaker's allotted time has expired.
- 33. Multimedia**
- 33.1. Speakers may:
  - (a) read from a prepared text; and
  - (b) use audio-visual and other aids to support their speeches.
- 34. Speakers not to be interrupted**
- 34.1. Except to ask a question of order, no member is to interrupt a speaker by proposing any motion or by asking the question in *Standing Order 45.1*.

#### **PROVISIONS FOR ALL MOTIONS**

- 35. Repetition not permitted**
- 35.1. No motion may be moved in any Session that is the same in substance as any motion already dealt with in the same Session.
- 36. Moving, seconding and withdrawing**
- 36.1. All motions must be moved and seconded, without which a motion is deemed lapsed; except that amendments in Committee require no seconder.
- 36.2. Synod or Committee may grant leave for the mover to withdraw a motion, whether debate upon it has commenced or not.
- 36.3. Withdrawal of a motion does not constitute dealing with it.
- 37. When the mover and/or seconder are absent**
- 37.1. When Synod or Committee comes to consider a motion and the mover is absent, then the seconder may seek leave to move the motion standing in the name of the mover. If leave is:
  - (a) granted, then the seconder becomes the mover and any other member may second the motion; or
  - (b) refused, then *Standing Orders 37.3(b) and 37.3(c)* apply.
- 37.2. When Synod or Committee comes to consider a motion and the seconder is absent, then any other member may second the motion.
- 37.3. When Synod or Committee comes to consider a motion and both the mover and the seconder are absent, then:
  - (a) any member may seek leave to move the motion and if leave is granted, that member becomes the mover and any other member may second the motion; or
  - (b) if no member seeks and is granted leave to move the motion, then any member may move:  
 THAT consideration of the motion be postponed.  
 If that motion is carried, then the motion is placed at the end of the Business Paper.
  - (c) If no member is granted leave to move the motion and the motion is not deferred, then it is deemed lapsed.
- 38. Consideration in Committee**
- 38.1. At the request of any member, a motion may be considered in Committee. The procedure follows *Standing Orders 64 and 65* as nearly as possible.
- 38A Motions involving expenditure**
- Any motion that will, if passed, result in expenditure from the Diocesan Council budget over \$20,000 shall not be included on the Business Paper for a Sitting of Synod unless it sets out, or is accompanied by a paper produced in consultation with the Diocesan Secretary setting out, the financial effect of the motion, including:
  - (a) the proposed source of funding; and
  - (b) a detailed statement of expected income and expenditure per year that will result from the passing of the motion.
- 39. Indicating intention to speak**
- 39.1. When Synod comes to consider any motion, speakers shall move forward and take their place on the seats provided in the synod hall and the President shall direct the order of speakers.

## PROVISIONS FOR AMENDMENTS

### 40. Amendments before motion introduced

- 40.1. At any time after the Business Paper has been circulated and before a motion comes under consideration, any member may propose to its mover that it be amended.
- 40.2. The mover of a motion may prepare an amended text of the motion incorporating:
  - (a) amendments proposed by other members and acceptable to the mover; and
  - (b) amendments proposed on the mover's own initiative.
- 40.3. When the President calls upon the mover to introduce the motion, the mover may first seek leave of Synod to move it in the amended form.  
If leave is granted, then the motion is moved in its amended form. If not, then the original form of the motion is moved.
- 40.4. After the motion is moved and seconded, any amendment:
  - (a) not acceptable to the mover; or
  - (b) for which leave to introduce it was not granted may be moved.

### 41. Amendments after motion introduced

- 41.1. Any member may move an amendment to a motion under consideration.
- 41.2. All amendments must be seconded, except that:
  - (a) the mover of a motion or amendment being amended may accept the amendment, whether seconded or not, whereupon the amendment is deemed carried; and
  - (b) amendments in Committee do not require a seconder.
- 41.3. Before any amendment is moved, legible copies of it must be given to:
  - (a) the President or the Chair of Committees; and
  - (b) the Secretaries.
- 41.4. Amendments cannot:
  - (a) be proposed to parts of a motion or amendment located before the last part of the motion or amendment dealt with by Synod or Committee; or
  - (b) be the same in substance as a previous amendment to the motion.
- 41.5. By leave of Synod or Committee, the mover of an amendment may withdraw it.
- 41.6. Withdrawal of an amendment does not constitute dealing with it or with the motion or amendment that it sought to amend.
- 41.7. No amendment may reverse the meaning of the motion or amendment that it seeks to amend.

### 42. Nested amendments

- 42.1. Amendments may be proposed to amendments proposed to amendments and so on. That is, amendment motions may be nested to any extent required.  
The last amendment proposed must be dealt with before the next preceding amendment and so on, until finally the principal motion (as amended) is dealt with.
- 42.2. The procedure for amendments nested to two levels is as follows, and illustrates the procedure for deeper levels of nesting:
  - (a) The principal motion is moved and seconded, and debate commences.
    - (i) An amendment may be moved and seconded, and debate on the amendment commences.
      - (A) An amendment to the amendment may be moved and seconded, and debate on it commences.
      - (B) The amendment to the amendment is dealt with. If carried, the amendment at 42.2(a)(i) (as amended) becomes the subject of debate.
    - (ii) The amendment at 42.2(a)(i) (as amended) is debated and dealt with. If carried, the principal motion in 42.2(a) (as amended) becomes the subject of debate.  
Debate on the principal motion in 42.2(a) (as amended) continues.
    - (iii) A further amendment to the principal motion in 42.2(a) (as amended) may be moved and seconded, and debate on the further amendment commences.
      - (A) An amendment to the further amendment may be moved and seconded, and debate on it commences.
      - (B) The amendment to the further amendment is dealt with. If carried, the further amendment 42.2(a)(iii) (as amended) becomes the subject of debate.
    - (iv) The further amendment (as amended) is dealt with. If carried, the principal motion in 42.2(a) (as further amended) becomes the subject of debate.  
Debate on the principal motion in 42.2(a) (as further amended) continues.
  - (b) The principal motion in 42.2(a) (as further amended) is dealt with.

**43. Forms of words for amendments**

43.1. Members are to use the following forms of words when proposing amendments:

- (a) Where the intention is to replace all of the words of the original motion with other words:  
THAT all the words after the word 'that' be deleted and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof: '*[the new words]*'.
- (b) Where the intention is to retain the words of the original motion up to a certain point and replace all of the subsequent words with other words:  
THAT all the words after the word/s '*[the last word/s to be retained and their location, if required for clarity]*' be deleted [*\**] and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof: '*[the new words]*'.
- (c) Where the intention is to replace specific words of the original motion with other words:  
THAT the word/s '*[the word/s to be deleted]*' after the word/s '*[the last word/s before the word/s to be deleted and their location, if required for clarity]*' be deleted [*\**] and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof: '*[the new words]*'.
- (d) Where it is desired to delete words without inserting other words then the motion may stop at the point marked [*\**] in 43.1(b) and 43.1(c).
- (e) Where it is desired to insert words without deleting any words:  
THAT the word/s '*[the word/s to be inserted]*' be inserted after the word/s '*[the last word/s before the insertion point and their location, if required for clarity]*'.
- (f) Other forms of words modelled on those above may be used.

43.2 The provisions of these Standing Orders are subject to an over-riding discretion in the President or the Chairperson to put to the Synod or the Committee any other procedure which will best work for the efficient dispatch of the business of the Synod.

**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS****44. Motions that supersede the motion being debated**

44.1. At any time during debate, a member may move one of the following motions:

- (a) THAT Synod proceed to the next business.
  - (i) If carried, then the current motion lapses and the next business is brought on.
  - (ii) If lost, then debate of the current motion continues where it was left off.
- (b) THAT the motion be not put.
  - (i) If carried, then the current motion lapses and the next business is brought on.
  - (ii) If lost, then the current motion is put forthwith without denying its mover the right of reply.
- (c) The adjournment of Synod as provided in *Standing Order 48*.

**45. Motions that bring the current debate to a close**

45.1. At any time during debate, a member may say,

I ask whether in the opinion of the President [*or Chairperson*] the motion has been adequately discussed?

If the President or Chairperson answers:

- (a) in the affirmative then any member may move  
THAT the motion be now put.  
and if that motion is:
  - (i) carried, then the current motion is put forthwith without denying its mover the right of reply; or
  - (ii) lost, then debate of the current motion continues where it was left off;
- (b) in the negative then debate of the current motion continues where it was left off.

45.2. At any time during debate, the President or Chairperson may inform Synod that in their opinion the motion has been adequately discussed, whereupon the procedure in 45.1(a) is followed.

**46. Adjournment of the debate on a motion**

46.1. At any time during debate, a member may move:

THAT the debate be adjourned;

and may continue with words like:

- (a) and made an Order of the Day for [*time and day*]; and/or
- (b) and take precedence over all other motions and Orders of the Day at the next Sitting.

46.2. If the motion is:

- (a) carried then debate on the motion is adjourned, and at the time of resumption the debate resumes where it was left off; or
- (b) lost, then debate continues and no similar motion for adjournment may be moved within fifteen minutes.

**47. Adjournment of Committee**

47.1. At any time while in Committee, a member may move:

THAT the Chairman leave the chair, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

47.2. If the motion is carried, then:

- (a) Synod is deemed reconvened forthwith; and
- (b) the Chairman reports to the President and asks leave accordingly.

**48. Adjournment of Synod**

48.1. At any time, a member may move:

THAT Synod do now adjourn  
and may continue with words specifying a time and day for resumption.

- 48.2. If the motion is:
- (a) carried then Synod stands adjourned until:
    - (i) the next Session if no resumption is specified, and all business remaining on the Business Paper lapses including any motion being debated; or
    - (ii) the time and day specified for resumption, at which time business resumes where it was left off.
  - (b) lost, then business continues and no similar motion for adjournment may be moved within fifteen minutes.

#### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

##### **49. Early requests for Orders of the Day**

- 49.1. Requests for Orders of the Day received by the Diocesan Registrar at least forty (40) days before the commencement of a Session of Synod are to be accompanied by the reason for the proposed Order of the Day. Such requests are dealt with as follows:
- (a) the Diocesan Registrar refers the request and its reason to the Steering Committee;
  - (b) the Steering Committee considers the request and its reason and may:
    - (i) approve the request and forthwith set the Order of the Day; or
    - (ii) reject the request, in which case it frames the request as a motion for an Order of the Day and places it on the Business Paper.

##### **50. Late Orders of the Day**

- 50.1. Motions for Orders of the Day placed on the Business Paper by the Steering Committee are dealt with before such motions not satisfying the requirements of *Standing Order 49*.
- 50.2. The form of words is:  
THAT motion [or report] [number on the Business Paper or its name] be made an Order of the Day for [the time and day].
- 50.3. At any time, a member may give the Secretaries a copy of such a motion and inform them of the reason for it, whereupon the Secretaries refer the motion and its reason to the Steering Committee.  
The Steering Committee considers the motion and its reason and may:
- (a) approve the motion and:
    - (i) forthwith set the Order of the Day; and
    - (ii) inform the President and the Secretaries; or
  - (b) reject the motion, in which case the mover may bring the motion before Synod.
- 50.4. At the time set in *Standing Order 73.11(b)*, any member may move an Order of the Day which is dealt with as follows:
- (a) the mover is given one minute to justify it;
  - (b) any member opposing the motion is given one minute to explain their reasons, without debating the motion that is the subject of the motion for an Order of the Day;
  - (c) the President puts the motion for an Order of the Day and if the motion is:
    - (i) carried by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting then the Order of the Day stands; or
    - (ii) lost then the motion that was the subject of the Order of the Day retains its original place on the Business Paper.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF FORMAL BUSINESS**

##### **51. Formal reports**

- 51.1. The following reports are not tabled or taken formally:
- (a) the reports of the Diocesan Council; and
  - (b) the reports of the Diocesan Trustees.
- 51.2. At the time provided under *Standing Order 73.12(a)*, the President tables all reports other than those in *Standing Order 51.1* and advises Synod that:
- (a) Formal reports will not be discussed;
  - (b) any member who wishes to discuss a report is to say "Object" when the title of that report is read; and
  - (c) the reception of any report to which there is an objection will be debated, and its content discussed, in the normal course of business.
- 51.3. The President reads to Synod the titles of the tabled reports as listed in the Business Paper, and any report to which no objection is raised is deemed formal.
- 51.4. The reception of any formal reports is then proposed forthwith.

##### **52. Formal motions**

- 52.1. No motion for legislation is taken formally.
- 52.2. The President discovers formal motions:
- (a) at the time provided under *Standing Order 73.12(b)*; and
  - (b) at such other times as the President deems appropriate.
- 52.3. The President advises Synod that:
- (a) Formal motions will not be debated, except that the mover may speak to them;

- any member who wishes to debate a motion is to say “Object” when the item number of that motion is read; and
- (b) any motion to which there is an objection will be debated in the normal course of business.
- 52.4. The President reads to Synod the item number of each motion that is not for legislation as listed in the Business Paper, and any motion to which no objection is raised is deemed formal.
- 52.5. Unless they are the subject of an Order of the Day, formal motions are dealt with as they arise in the Business Paper.
- 52.6. Formal motions are dealt with as follows:
- (a) the mover proposes the motion and may speak to it;
  - (b) the seconder seconds the motion without speaking to it; and
  - (c) the question is put without debate.

### **CONSIDERATION OF CONTROVERSIAL AND/OR VITAL BUSINESS**

#### **53. Identifying and preparing for controversial and/or vital business**

53.1. Business is treated as controversial and/or vital to the life of the Diocese if it is identified as such by:

- (a) the Steering Committee;
- (b) the President; or
- (c) the Chairperson.

53.2. For each item of business identified as controversial and/or vital, the Steering Committee:

- (a) plans the Synod timetable to accommodate it;
- (b) invites two members, one of whom may be the mover, to prepare:
  - (i) leading speeches from different points of view; and
  - (ii) questions to aid members in their discussion of the business.

#### **54. Consideration of controversial and/or vital business**

##### **54.1. Commencement of debate:**

- (a) The President or Chairperson advises Synod or Committee that the matter will be treated as controversial and/or vital.
- (b) The mover and seconder of the business move and second it formally.
- (c) Two speakers, one of whom may be the mover, speak to the business from different points of view for up to six (6) minutes each.

##### **54.2. Small group discussion:**

- (a) Members discuss the business in small groups, aided by questions referred to in *Standing Order 53.2(b)(ii)*.
- (b) The discussion continues for twenty (20) minutes, or such other period as the Steering Committee determines.
- (c) Debate resumes after the small group discussion.

##### **54.3. Continuation of debate:**

- (a) The President or Chairperson next calls a speaker who supports the motion.
- (b) Debate continues according to *Standing Order 68.3*.

##### **54.4. Closure of debate:**

The debate is closed according to *Standing Order 68.4*.

### **CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL SYNOD CANONS**

#### **55. Canons unalterable by Synod**

55.1. Neither Synod nor Committee can amend any Canon of General Synod, which must be adopted or assented to intact, or rejected.

#### **56. Consideration of Canons**

56.1. The procedure for considering Canons follows *Standing Orders 61 to 65* as nearly as possible, except that:

- (a) during the discussion of the principle of the Canon the Synod may record changes of principle that it desires; and
- (b) Committee does not amend the Canon but records desired changes to the wording.

#### **57. Adoption of or assent to the Canon**

57.1. The adoption of or assent to the Canon is considered as appointed by an Order of the Day for legislation.

57.2. The President invites the mover of the Canon to move:

THAT the Canon be adopted.

or

THAT the Provisional Canon be assented to.

57.3. The Canon comes into force according to *Standing Order 58*.

#### **58. Coming into force in the Diocese**

58.1. If the motion that the Canon be adopted or assented to is carried, then if it was:

- (a) an ordinary Canon it comes into force at the time that it is signed by the President; or
- (b) a Provisional Canon it comes into force when adopted by Synod and signed by the President after it has been assented to by sufficient dioceses, as prescribed by the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia.

**59. Report to General Synod**

- 59.1. The Diocesan Registrar reports the outcome of the Canon or Provisional Canon to General Synod, along with any requests or recommendations made by Synod or Committee.

**CONSIDERATION OF DIOCESAN LEGISLATION****60. Amendments desired by the mover**

- 60.1. Where the mover wishes to introduce the Bill in a form amended from that printed in the Business Paper, the amended form or the amendments must first be circulated to members.
- 60.2. Before moving the motion, the mover is to say  
I seek leave of Synod to introduce [*the name of the Bill*] with amendments.  
If leave is granted, then the amended form may be introduced.
- 60.3. The Bill is then introduced according to *Standing Order 61*.

**61. Introduction of the Bill**

- 61.1. The Bill is introduced either:
- (a) by an order of Synod on the report of a committee; or
  - (b) by motion, in which case:
    - (i) the mover or, by leave of Synod, any other member:
      - (A) identifies the (amended) Bill
      - (B) explains the purpose and provisions of the Bill; and
      - (C) moves 'THAT the Bill be approved in principle.'
    - (ii) the seconder seconds the motion, and may do so formally;
- 61.2. The principle of the Bill is then clarified according to *Standing Order 62*.

**62. Clarification of the principle of the Bill**

- 62.1. The President:
- (a) suspends debate;
  - (b) invites members to ask questions for clarification or explanation, in order that they may better understand the purpose and intended effect of the Bill; and
  - (c) directs members not to debate those purposes or intended effects at this time.
- 62.2. The mover, seconder or another appropriate person answers each question as it is asked, and such questioning and answering continues until either:
- (a) there are no more questions; or
  - (b) the President announces that debate is to resume.
- The asking or answering of such questions is deemed not to be a speech.
- 62.3. The principle of the Bill is then debated according to *Standing Order 63*.

**63. Debate on the principle of the Bill**

- 63.1. Debate of the principle continues according to *Standing Order 68.3*.
- 63.2. Closure of debate on the principle of the Bill:
- (a) The right of reply may be exercised by either the mover or the seconder of the motion.
  - (b) The President puts to the vote the motion:  
THAT the Bill be approved in principle.
  - (c) The President declares the result. If the motion is:
    - (i) lost, then the Bill lapses; or
    - (ii) carried, then the procedures set out below are followed.
- 63.3. The Bill having been approved in principle; the President asks:  
DOES any member wish to debate the Bill in Committee?
- (a) If any member answers "Yes", then the President:  
invites any member who wishes to propose an Order of the Day for the consideration of the Bill in Committee to move such motion, and it is dealt with according to *Standing Order 50.4*.  
If no Order of the day is moved, or if such motion is lost, the President proceeds to *Standing Order 64*.
  - (b) If no member wishes to debate the Bill in Committee, then the President proceeds to *Standing Order 66*.

**64. Detailed consideration of the Bill in Committee**

- 64.1. The President informs Synod that it is deemed to be in Committee, and the Chairperson takes the chair.
- 64.2. The Chairperson:
- (a) may allow the Bill to be considered:
    - (i) as a whole;
    - (ii) clause by clause;
    - (iii) by groups of clauses and single clauses; or
    - (iv) in any other manner that the Chairperson considers expedient; and
  - (b) must do so at the request of any member.
- 64.3. If the Bill is to be taken as a whole, then the Chairperson proceeds to *Standing Order 64.6*.
- 64.4. If the Bill is to be considered in parts, then the Title of the Bill is considered last, and the Preamble, if any, is considered immediately before the Title.

- 64.5. When considering a Bill in parts, for each clause or group of clauses:
- (a) The Chairperson says:  
The question is, THAT clause/s [*the number/s or names of the clause/s*] be agreed to.
  - (b) Members may move amendments to or deletions of the clauses under consideration, according to *Standing Orders 41 to 43*.
  - (c) When all amendments have been dealt with, the Chairperson puts the question to the vote and declares the result.
  - (d) When that clause or group of clauses has been agreed to or deleted, the procedure is repeated for subsequent clauses and groups of clauses.
  - (e) When all other clauses have been agreed to or deleted, the procedure is repeated for:
    - (i) the Preamble, if any; and
    - (ii) the Title.
- 64.6. When the Bill is considered as a whole, or all clauses not deleted have been agreed to:
- (a) the Chairperson says  
The question is, THAT the Bill as a whole be agreed to  
and then puts that question to the vote.
  - (b) If the vote is carried, then the Chairperson certifies on a copy of the Bill that it is a true copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
- 64.7. Consideration of the Bill continues according to *Standing Order 65*.
- 65. Synod reconvenes**
- 65.1. Upon the Committee completing its work, Synod is deemed reconvened.
- 65.2. The Chairperson reports to the President that:  
THE Committee has agreed to the Bill with [*or without*] amendment/s.
- 65.3. The President puts to the Synod the motion:  
THAT the report be agreed to.  
Any member may then move:  
THAT the Bill [*or a specified clause or clauses of the Bill*] be recommitted to the Committee to consider an amendment.  
If the member's motion is carried, then:
- (a) the procedure at *Standing Order 64* is followed; and
  - (b) the Committee considers only amendments related to the purpose of the recommitment.
- If the member's motion is lost, then the President's question is put to the vote.  
If the question is answered in the negative, then the Bill lapses.  
If Synod agrees to the Chairperson's report and the President has the copy of the Bill certified by the Chairperson as correct, then the passing of the Bill may proceed forthwith or be made an Order of the Day for another time.
- 65.4. The passing of the Bill proceeds according to *Standing Order 66*.
- 66. Passing of the Bill**
- 66.1. The passing of the Bill may be considered at the time or as appointed by an Order of the Day.
- 66.2. The President invites the mover of the Bill to move:  
THAT the Bill [*as agreed by Committee*] do now pass.
- 66.3. The Bill comes into force according to *Standing Order 67*.
- 67. Coming into force as a Statute**
- 67.1. If the motion that the Bill do now pass is carried, then:
- (a) if the Bill was not considered in Committee, the Bill as introduced; or
  - (b) if the Bill was considered in Committee, the Bill as certified by the Chairperson becomes a Statute of the Diocese.
- 67.2. Both Secretaries are to certify on a copy of the Statute that it is a copy of the Statute as passed and the date of its passing.
- 67.3. The Statute as certified by the Secretaries comes into force at the time that it is signed by the President.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS**

- 68. Consideration of Business for which no other provision has been made**
- 68.1. Commencement of debate:
- (a) The President or Chairperson calls on the mover to move the motion, and the mover speaks to it.
  - (b) The seconder seconds the motion and may reserve the right to speak.
- 68.2. Discovery of dissent:
- (a) The President or Chairperson asks if any member wishes to speak against the motion.
  - (b) If there are no speakers against the motion, then:
    - (i) the President or Chairperson puts the motion to the vote; or
    - (ii) at their discretion, the debate continues until the provisions of *Standing Order 44* are invoked.
- 68.3. Continuation of debate:
- (a) The President or Chairperson next calls a speaker who opposes the motion, and then one who supports it.
  - (b) Debate continues with speakers for the Ayes and Noes alternating until either:

- (i) there are no more speakers for one side; or
  - (ii) the provisions of *Standing Order 44* are invoked.
- (c) When there are no more speakers for one side, the President or Chairperson:
  - (i) puts the motion to the vote forthwith; or
  - (ii) at their discretion, the debate continues until the provisions of *Standing Order 45* are invoked.
- 68.4. Closure of debate:
  - (a) The right of reply may be exercised by either the mover or the seconder of the motion.
  - (b) The President or Chairperson puts the motion to the vote as provided in *Standing Order 69.1*.
  - (c) The President or Chairperson declares the result.

## VOTING AND ELECTIONS

### 69. Voting

- 69.1. Where a motion or amendment contains more than one part, the President or Chairperson:
- (a) may call for a vote on each part separately and in order; and
  - (b) must do so at the request of any member.
- Parts may be grouped together and taken as one part for voting.
- 69.2. Motions are carried on a simple majority of the members present and voting unless another majority is specified by these Standing Orders or other Statute.
- (a) *Standing Orders 14.1(b), 14.3 and 50.4(c)(i)* require a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.
  - (b) Alterations to the Constitution are carried by not less than three-fourths of the members present voting as one body.
  - (c) Leave is granted on a simple majority of the members present and voting.
- 69.3. <sup>11</sup>When putting a motion, ~~the President or Chairperson:~~
- (a) the President or Chairperson may decide that voting may must be carried out electronically by an electronic means recommended by the Diocesan Registrar and approved by the Steering Committee; or
  - (b) Alternatively, However if the electronic system is not used be unavailable then, the vote may be judged on the voices by:
    - (i) calling on those in favour to say "Aye";
    - (ii) calling on those against to say "No"; and
    - (iii) stating whether the motion is carried or lost.
  - (c) aAny member may then call for a show of hands, upon which the President or Chairperson:
    - (i) calls on those in favour to raise one hand;
    - (ii) calls on those against to raise one hand; and
    - (iii) states whether the motion is carried or lost.
  - (d) aAny member may then call for a count, whereupon no member may enter or leave the hall until the result is declared. The count is conducted as follows:
    - (i) the President or Chairperson appoints tellers to count the hands;
    - (ii) the procedure in 69.3(c) is followed except that the tellers:
      - (A) count the hands;
      - (B) report their counts to the Returning Officer who collates the counts and determines whether the motion is carried or lost;
      - (C) the Returning Officer informs the President or Chairperson of the result; and
      - (D) the President or Chairperson declares the result.
- 69.4. Subject to *Standing Order 69.5*, any two clerical members or any four lay members may call for a vote by Houses. The procedure in *Standing Orders 69.3(a) or 69.3(d)* ~~applies~~, except that:
- (a) the President:
    - (i) first calls upon the laity to vote; and then
    - (ii) calls upon the clergy other than the President to vote;
  - (b) the tellers report their counts from the laity and the clergy to the Returning Officer;
  - (c) the President declares the vote:
    - (i) carried if carried by the laity and the clergy by the required majority; or
    - (ii) lost.
  - (d) the President submits each Resolution carried under *Standing Order 68.4(c)* to the Archbishop for assent or dissent.
  - (e) The Archbishop may delay deciding whether or not to assent to a Resolution carried under *Standing Order 69.4(c)(i)* for up to one month, and the provisions of the Constitution apply.
- 69.5. When legislation is being considered, the procedure in *Standing Order 69.4* applies in full only to the final motion that the legislation do now pass. For all other motions in relation to legislation it is modified as follows:
- (a) the President votes with the clergy; and
  - (b) the Chairperson declares the vote:
    - (i) carried if carried by the laity and the clergy by the required majority; or

<sup>11</sup> Amended Synod 2025



(ii) lost.

69.6. No person may vote as proxy for a member.

## **70. Elections by Synod<sup>1213</sup>**

70.1. Where a ballot is required for an election, the procedure set out below applies.

70.2. The Diocesan Registrar:

(a) must arrange for electronic voting for all elections. Voting ~~to~~ must be carried out using an approved electronic means; and

(b) determines by random selection the order in which the names of the nominees appear on the ballot papers.

70.3. If for any reason the electronic voting ~~App~~ means is not available during the time set aside for voting the ballot ~~will~~ must be held at a later date when the ~~App~~ electronic means becomes available

~~(a) ensures that sufficient ballot papers are prepared; and~~

~~(b) determines by random selection the order in which the names of the nominees appear on the ballot papers.~~

~~70.3.~~ 70.4. The President determines the time set aside for voting.

~~70.4. During the time set aside for voting, every member desiring to vote obtains ballot papers from the Returning Officer, who ensures that:~~

~~(a) each ballot paper issued bears the Returning Officer's initials;~~

~~(b) only eligible persons receive ballot papers; and~~

~~(c) no person receives more than one set of ballot papers.~~

~~This is done by exchanging the ballot papers for the member's voting crest.~~

~~70.5. During the time set aside for voting, members desiring to vote:~~

~~(a) mark their ballot papers with a cross (x) opposite the name of any nominee or nominees for whom they wish to vote; and~~

~~(b) place their ballot papers in the locked ballot boxes kept by the Returning Officer.~~

~~70.6.~~ 70.5. An electronic ballot ~~paper~~ vote is invalid if the number of nominees voted for exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled.

~~After the time set aside for voting, the tellers, under the Returning Officer's supervision, count the number of votes received by each nominee.~~

~~70.7.~~ 70.6. The Returning Officer may treat a mark which is not a cross opposite the name of a nominee as a vote received by the nominee if the Returning Officer considers the intention of the member to vote for the nominee is clear. The Returning Officer ~~to~~ must receive a report on the results of electronic voting

~~70.8.~~ 70.7. The Returning Officer gives to the President a report as to the number of votes received by each nominee.

If an equal number of votes is received by two or more nominees, the President exercises a casting vote and may do so by random selection.

~~70.9.~~ 70.7. The President declares elected the nominees who have received the highest number of votes and ~~publishes the Returning Officer's report is then recorded in the minutes of the Sitting of Synod. to the members of Synod the Returning Officer's report.~~

~~70.10.~~ 70.8.

## **SELECT COMMITTEES**

### **71. Establishment and membership**

71.1. A Select Committee of Synod is established by passing the motion:

THAT a Select Committee be established to *[the purpose of the Select Committee]*.

71.2. The membership of the Select Committee is established by passing the motion:

THAT *[list of names]* be appointed to the Select Committee.

or the motion:

THAT the Select Committee be elected by ballot.

71.3. The President appoints a convenor for the Select Committee from among those elected by ballot; or, where there is no ballot, the mover of the motion is appointed convenor.

71.4. The Select Committee:

(a) elects its own chairperson, who is to sign its report; and

(b) continues to exist until:

(i) its report is finally dealt with by Synod; or

(ii) permission for its dissolution is granted by Synod.

71.5. If the Select Committee is directed specially to report to the current Session of Synod, then it does so. If not, the Select Committee:

(a) has the power to sit during the recess; and

(b) reports to the next Session of Synod.

<sup>12</sup> Amended Synod 2022

<sup>13</sup> Amended Synod 2025

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 72. Public access to Synod

- 72.1. Synod meetings are open to the public, who have free access to the visitors' gallery.
- 72.2. Members are to sit on the floor of Synod, so that:
  - (a) they can participate in the business of Synod; and
  - (b) visitors have full access to the visitors' gallery.
- 72.3. By leave of Synod, visitors may be granted:
  - (a) a seat on the floor of Synod;
  - (b) the right to speak without the right to vote or of proposition.
- 72.4. At the request of three members, the President orders all visitors to withdraw from Synod.

## SYNOD'S DAILY AGENDA

### 73. The business to be transacted on the first day of Synod

- 73.1. The President's address is delivered.
- 73.2. The business to be transacted on the second day of Synod
- 73.3. Prayers.
- 73.4. The President orders all members who have not yet collected a name tag and voting device from the Information Desk to do so.
- 73.5. At the first Sitting
  - (a) A list of apologies from those unable to attend Synod is tabled.
  - (b) The President asks Synod  
Is leave of absence granted?  
and puts that question to the vote.
  - (c) Motions for the election of officers as set out in *Standing Order 7*.
  - (d) Appointment of officers as set out in *Standing Order 6*.
- 73.6. Questions on notice (*Standing Order 23*)
- 73.7. Notices of motion appearing on the Business Paper (*Standing Order 25.1*).
- 73.8. Presentation of Petitions
- 73.9. Reports of Committees including the Minute Reading Committee, which are presented, read and received or otherwise dealt with
- 73.10. Late questions, late notice of motion, and late motions.  
*See Standing Orders 19, 25.2 and 23.*
- 73.11. Orders of the Day. The President:
  - (a) informs Synod of any Orders of the Day determined by the Steering Committee; and
  - (b) asks if there are further motions for Orders of the Day.  
*See Standing Order 50.4.*
- 73.12. Consideration of formal business.
  - (a) Discovery and reception of formal reports.  
*See Standing Order 51.*
  - (b) Discovery of formal motions.  
*See Standing Orders 52.3 and 52.4*
- 73.13. Matters on the Business Paper.
- 73.14. The Sitting closes with prayer.

### 74. The business to be transacted on the third day of Synod, in order

- 74.1. Prayers.
- 74.2. Questions on notice (*Standing Order 24*)
- 74.3. Presentation of Petitions
- 74.4. Reports of Committees including the Minute Reading Committee, which are presented, read and received or otherwise dealt with.
- 74.5. Late questions, late notice of motion, and late motions.  
*See Standing Orders 19, 25.2 and 23.*
- 74.6. Orders of the Day. The President:
  - (a) informs Synod of any Orders of the Day determined by the Steering Committee; and
  - (b) asks if there are further motions for Orders of the Day.  
*See Standing Order 50.4.*
- 74.7. Consideration of formal business.
  - (a) Discovery and reception of formal reports.  
*See Standing Order 50.*
  - (b) Discovery of formal motions.  
*See Standing Orders 52.3 and 52.4*

- 74.8. Matters on the Business Paper.
- 74.9. Announce the date of the next session of synod
- 74.10. The Sitting closes with prayer.

**A BILL FOR A STATUTE TO REPEAL THE CATHEDRAL STATUTE 2017  
AND ADOPT THE CATHEDRAL STATUTE 2025**

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to repeal the Cathedral Statute 2017 and adopt the Cathedral Statute 2025.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Archbishop Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Perth in Synod assembled that:

1. The Cathedral Statute 2017 is hereby repealed.
2. The Synod hereby passes and adopts the Cathedral Statute 2025 in the form attached.
3. This Bill may be cited as the Cathedral Statute 2017 repeal and the Cathedral Statute 2025 adoption Statute 2025.

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FOR THE CATHEDRAL STATUTE 2025**

The Cathedral Statute 2017 is repealed and replaced by the Cathedral Statute 2025 which includes (inter alia) changes resulting from the:

- (a) Parish Governance Statute 2016;
- (b) Clergy Appointments and Licensing Statute 2021;
- (c) Clergy Discipline Statute 2021; and
- (d) Professional Standards Statute 2021.

## 1THE CATHEDRAL STATUTE ~~2017 (CATHEDRAL MARK-UP)~~2025

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**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Archbishop, clergy and laity of the Diocese of Perth in Synod assembled as follows:

#### 1 **Short Title**

- 1.1 This Statute may be cited as the Cathedral Statute ~~2017~~2025.

#### 2 **Repeal**

- 2.1 [The Cathedral Statute 2017 is repealed.](#)

#### 3 **Interpretation**

- 3.1 The meanings of words and phrases given in the Interpretation Statute apply in this Statute except that for the purposes of this Statute the words and phrases listed hereunder have their meanings given or altered as follows:

**canon** means a person elected or appointed pursuant to this Statute;

**Cathedral** means the Church of St George, Perth until otherwise determined by Synod;

**Cathedral Congregation** means all bona-fide members of The Anglican Church of Australia (or of a church in communion with The Anglican Church of Australia) that have complied with and taken the declaration referred to in section 28.1 of this Statute;

**Cathedral Square** has the meaning given in the Diocesan Trustees Act;

**Chapter** means the body responsible for the general management and government of the Cathedral consisting of the Dean ~~as chairperson~~, the clerical canons and lay canons;

**Dean** means the dean of Perth, being the person appointed pursuant to Part 3 of this Statute;

**Diocesan Trustees Act** means the Anglican Church of Australia (Diocesan Trustees) Act 1888 (WA);

**Foundation** has the meaning given in the Diocesan Trustees Act;

**policy** means any protocol or policy approved from time to time by the Archbishop, the Trustees or Diocesan Council; and

**precentor** means the person in charge of the organisation of liturgy and worship in the Cathedral.

### **PART 1 – THE ARCHBISHOP**

#### 4 **Powers of the Archbishop**

- 4.1 Nothing contained in this Statute shall be construed to sanction an encroachment upon or to in any way prejudice the legal powers vested in the Archbishop.
- 4.2 No change of a substantial nature in the ceremonies, ornaments or services in the Cathedral shall be made without the consent of the Chapter and the Archbishop.
- 4.3 The Archbishop or the Archbishop's nominee may:
- use the Cathedral to take part in divine service at such times as they think fit;
  - use the Cathedral for ordinations, confirmations and visitations;
  - assume responsibility at their discretion for services of a national, provincial or diocesan character; and
  - with the concurrence of or invitation by the Chapter, use the Cathedral for services on any other special occasion.
- 4.4 In each case the Archbishop or the Archbishop's nominee shall give reasonable notice to the Dean of the Archbishop's intentions.
- 4.5 On the occasions that the Archbishop assumes responsibility for any service, all arrangements for the conduct of that service may be made by the Archbishop.
- 4.6 In addition, the Archbishop may appoint the preacher at two Sunday services each month.

### **PART 2 – THE CATHEDRAL BUILDING**

#### 5 **Cathedral church and property**

- 5.1 The Church of St George, Perth, shall be the Cathedral Church of the Diocese until otherwise determined by Synod.

- 5.2 No alterations or additions to the fabric of the Cathedral or to monuments placed in or on the fabric may be made without [a faculty being issued by the Archbishop and the Diocesan Secretary on the application of the Dean and Chapter.](#) ~~first obtaining the consent of the Archbishop, the Dean, the Chapter and the Trustees. Consent may be given subject to conditions, including the need to comply with relevant State legislation, Diocesan statutes and policies.~~

~~5.25.3~~ If a faculty is issued for any alteration or addition to the fabric of the Cathedral or to monuments placed in or on the fabric of the Cathedral under section 5.2, the Cathedral must adhere to any terms and conditions of the faculty.

## **6 Cathedral Square**

6.1 In accordance with section 3A(2) of the Diocesan Trustees Act, all land in Cathedral Square shall be held on trust for the ecclesiastical purposes of the Cathedral, the Diocese and the ~~P~~erovine of Western Australia.

6.2 The proceeds from Cathedral Square shall be administered and distributed in accordance with the Diocesan Trustees Act, subject to fees and commissions as may be charged by the Trustees.

## **7 Cathedral Square Foundation**

7.1 The Foundation has been established pursuant to the Diocesan Trustees Act to represent the Chapter and the Diocesan Council.

7.2 The Foundation shall consist of:

- (a) the Archbishop or the Archbishop's nominee;
- (b) the Dean or the person for the time being fulfilling the office of the Dean; and
- (c) four laypersons and four deputy laypersons, of which the Chapter shall appoint two laypersons and two deputy laypersons, and Diocesan Council shall appoint two laypersons and two deputy laypersons.

7.3 The Foundation shall report half-yearly to the Chapter and Diocesan Council in relation to its functions under the Diocesan Trustees Act.

## **PART 3 - THE DEAN**

## **8 Vacancy in the office of Dean**

8.1 The office of Dean shall become vacant:

- (a) on a date set by the Dean in a letter addressed to the Chapter and the Archbishop;
- (b) on the death of the Dean;
- (c) on absence from the Diocese for three consecutive months without the permission of the Archbishop; or
- (d) upon the Dean ceasing to hold the Archbishop's licence under Part 7 of the Clergy Appointment and Licensing Statute 2021.

~~8.2 For the purposes of an election under section 9 and for no other purpose, any vacancy occurring under section (a) above may be deemed to have occurred three months before the date of compulsory retirement.~~

~~8.38.2~~ Any vacancy occurring under section 8.1(a)(b) may be deemed to have occurred as from the date of the acceptance of the letter by the Diocesan Council.

8.3 If a vacancy occurs in the office of Dean, a clerical canon chosen by the Chapter (~~Clerical Canon~~) shall exercise the office of Dean. That Clerical Canon shall exercise the authorities, powers, rights and duties (including membership of Diocesan Council) conferred or imposed on the Dean by this and other statutes for the duration of the vacancy, except during any time when a Locum Tenens is appointed under section 8.4. until such time as a new Dean is installed or a Locum Tenens is appointed.

8.4 The Archbishop may, after consultation with the Chapter, appoint a Locum Tenens Dean when:

- (a) the office of Dean becomes vacant;
- (b) the Dean is stood aside or suspended; or
- (c) the Dean is absent from the Cathedral for a prolonged period.

~~8.56~~ The Locum Tenens Dean shall exercise the authorities, powers, rights and duties (including membership of Diocesan Council) conferred or imposed on the Dean by this and other statutes, but is not entitled to vote in any election of nominee for the office of Dean.

~~8.67~~ The appointment of a Locum Tenens Dean may be for a specific time or for the duration of the vacancy, standing aside, suspension or absence and may be either full-time or part-time.

## **9 Election of the Dean**

9.1 When a vacancy occurs in the office of Dean, or upon the resignation of the Dean, the most senior clerical canon by appointment or election must convene a meeting within two calendar months of the vacancy or of the acceptance of the resignation of the former Dean, to elect a nominee for the office of new Dean. For the avoidance of doubt, a nominee for the office of Dean does not have to be elected at this meeting or within two months of the vacancy or the acceptance of the former Dean's resignation.

9.2 The most senior clerical canon must give at least 14 days' written notice of the meeting to each member of the Chapter.

## **10 Voting**

10.1 The Chapter shall vote by secret ballot at a special meeting convened to elect a ~~new~~ nominee for the office of Dean. Not fewer than four clerical and four lay members must be present before a ballot can be taken.

10.2 The Chapter must submit the name of the person elected as nominee to the Archbishop in writing for approval or otherwise.

## **11 Approval by Archbishop**

11.1 On approval by the Archbishop of the nominee, the Archbishop shall invite that person to take up the office of Dean. On acceptance by the nominee the Archbishop shall license and install the nominee as Dean. The appointment of the Dean is subject to approval and licensing by the Archbishop.

11.2 If the Archbishop does not approve ~~of~~ the person elected for any reason, the Archbishop shall notify the Chapter ~~within seven days~~ as soon as may be possible, and giving reasons for the decision.

- 11.3 The Chapter must proceed again from the beginning [of the election process](#) until a person is elected [as nominee](#), who meets the approval of the Archbishop to fill the office of Dean.
- ~~11.4 The Archbishop shall license and install the Dean.~~
- 12 Functions and duties of the Dean**
- 12.1 The Dean shall have the cure of souls and be responsible for all pastoral work and organisation in the district attached to the Cathedral.
- 12.2 Subject to section 4, the Dean shall have the charge and ordering of all services in the Cathedral and all other relevant matters including the appointing of the preacher for services in the Cathedral.
- 12.3 The Dean shall install the [Archbishop](#), assistant bishops, the archdeacons, the Chancellor, the deputy Chancellor, the clerical and lay canons and honorary canons.
- 12.4 The Dean must arrange the preaching and other duties of the precentor and assisting clergy at the Cathedral and is responsible for the management of the salaried staff of the Cathedral in accordance with relevant Diocesan statutes and policies and [State and Commonwealth law](#)~~government legislation~~.
- 12.5 The Dean shall have the direction of music in the Cathedral. The Dean has the right to appoint and dismiss members of the choir and to determine their duties and salaries. Unpaid choir members are Church volunteers and will be subject to Diocesan statutes and policies governing Church volunteers.
- 12.6 Subject to consultation with the Chapter ~~and the Archbishop, and licensing by the Archbishop~~, the Dean may ~~engage~~ [nominate](#) Cathedral [assistant](#) clergy [to the Archbishop for appointment and licensing](#) in accordance with the provisions of the Clergy [Appointment and Licensing Statute 2021](#).
- 12.7 Subject to the terms of any relevant Diocesan statutes or policies and following consultation with the Chapter, the Dean may appoint and dismiss a Cathedral administrator to assist the Dean in performing the Dean's functions and duties.
- 12.8 Subject to this Statute and to specific engagements entered into by the Chapter, the Dean shall have the use of the Cathedral buildings for ecclesiastical and pastoral purposes.
- 12.9 In the absence of the Dean from the Diocese or if the Dean is unable to act through illness, the Dean's powers and duties may be exercised and performed by the most senior clerical canon.

#### PART 4 - CLERICAL CANONS

- 13 Vacancy in the office of clerical canon**
- 13.1 The office of a [clerical](#) canon shall be deemed vacant [upon](#):
- (a) [completion of their term of appointment or election](#)~~at the end of their term~~;
  - (b) ~~on~~ death;
  - (c) ~~on~~ resignation sent in writing to the Archbishop and accepted;
  - (d) ~~on~~ absence from the Diocese for three consecutive months without the permission of the Archbishop;
  - (e) ~~on~~ ceasing to [be a licensed member of clergy pursuant to the Clergy Appointment and Licensing Statute 2021](#)~~hold a licence or permission to officiate from the Archbishop~~;
  - (f) ~~on~~ failure to perform usual duties for twelve [consecutive](#) months ~~in succession~~, without leave granted by resolution of the Chapter; or
  - (g) ~~on~~ the office being declared vacant by the Archbishop.
- 13.2 ~~Clerical canons~~[A clerical canon](#) ceasing to be a licensed priest of the Diocese may, with the consent of the Archbishop, retain the title of canon.
- 13.3 Any casual vacancy in the office of a clerical canon shall be filled by the person or body who appointed or elected the clerical canon whose office became vacant, and the person so appointed or elected shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the clerical canon whose office became vacant.
- 14 Election or appointment of clerical canons**
- 14.1 The clerical canons shall not exceed seven in number, all appointed or elected from the licensed priests of the Diocese. Four shall be appointed by the Archbishop and three shall be elected by the Synod in such manner as the Synod determines.
- 14.2 Each appointed or elected clerical canon shall hold office for three years from the date of appointment or election but shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election.
- 15 Functions and duties of clerical canons**
- 15.1 Each clerical canon must attend the regular meetings of the Chapter and preach at the Cathedral if requested by the Dean.
- ~~15.2 In accordance with the primary intent of the canonical institution as attached to cathedral churches, the Dean and canons shall be a council of spiritual persons upon whom the Archbishop may depend for advice and co-operation in matters concerning the spiritual welfare of the Diocese.~~
- 16 Removal of clerical canons**
- 16.1 If a clerical canon refuses to perform the duties of their office when required by the Dean in writing or refuses to comply with the regulations of the Chapter, the Chapter may after due enquiry refer the matter to the Archbishop. The Archbishop may in the Archbishop's sole discretion declare the office vacant.

## PART 5 - LAY CANONS

### 17 Vacancy in the office of lay canon

17.1 The office of a lay canon shall become vacant upon:

- (a) completion of the canon's term of appointment or election ~~at the end of their term~~;
- (b) ~~on~~ death;
- (c) ~~on~~ resignation to the Dean in writing;
- (d) ~~if~~ the appointment ~~is being~~ cancelled by the appointing person or body;
- (e) ~~on~~ absence from three consecutive meetings of the Chapter without ~~its~~ leave;
- (f) ~~on~~ the lay canon ceasing to reside in the Diocese; or
- (g) ~~on~~ the office being declared vacant by the Archbishop.

17.2 Any casual vacancy in the office of a lay canon shall be filled by the person or body who appointed or elected the lay canon whose office became vacant, and the person so appointed or elected shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the lay canon whose office became vacant.

### 18 Election or appointment of lay canons

18.1 The ~~seven~~ lay canons shall not exceed seven in number and shall be appointed or elected as follows:

- (a) one appointed by the Archbishop;
- (b) two elected by Synod;
- (c) one appointed by the Dean;
- (d) one elected by the Chapter; and
- (e) two elected by the Annual Meeting of the Cathedral Congregation.

18.2 Each appointed or elected lay canon shall hold office for three years from the date of appointment or election but shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election.

18.3 Lay canons are Church ~~volunteers~~ workers for the purposes of the Professional Standards Statute 2021 and unless otherwise provided in this statute are subject to statutes and policies of the Diocese which apply to Church workers.

### ~~19 Functions and duties of lay canons~~

~~19.1 In accordance with the primary intent of the canonical institution as attached to cathedral churches, lay canons shall be a council of spiritual persons upon whom the Archbishop may depend for advice and co-operation in matters concerning the spiritual welfare of the Diocese.~~

### ~~20~~ 19 Removal of lay canons

19.1 If a lay canon refuses to perform the duties of their office when required by the Dean in writing or refuses to comply with the regulations of the Chapter, the Chapter may after due enquiry refer the matter to the Archbishop. The Archbishop may in the Archbishop's sole discretion declare the office vacant.

19.2 A lay canon who is charged with an indictable criminal offence shall be suspended from exercising that office until such time as the proceedings have been concluded unless the Dean and Chapter with the assent of the Archbishop determine otherwise.

19.3 A lay canon who is convicted of an indictable criminal offence shall no longer hold that office which thereupon becomes vacant.

## PART 6 – HONORARY CANONS

### ~~21~~ 20 Honorary Canons

~~21.1~~ 20.1 The Archbishop may appoint as honorary canon any member of the clergy in the Diocese holding the Archbishop's licence provided that the number of honorary canons shall not at any time exceed four and they shall not be members of the Chapter.

## PART 7 – OBLIGATIONS OF CATHEDRAL CLERGY AND LAY OFFICERS

### ~~22~~ 21 Application of Statutes and Policies

~~22.1~~ 21.1 The Dean, clerical canons, and all other clergy appointed, elected or engaged under or in accordance with this Statute are subject to:

- (a) the Clergy Appointment and Licensing Statute 2021 (except where that statute does not apply to the Cathedral under section 4.1 of that statute) (other than Parts 4 and 5 of that Statute) and any policy or requirement made from time to time pursuant to that statute;
- (b) the provisions of the Professional Standards Statute 2021 and any policy or requirement made from time to time pursuant to that statute;
- ~~(b)~~ (c) the provisions of the Clergy Discipline Statute 2021 and any policy or requirement made from time to time pursuant to that statute; and
- ~~(c)~~ (d) all other relevant Diocesan statutes and policies.

~~22.2~~ 21.2 All lay persons appointed, elected or engaged under or in accordance with this Statute are subject to:

- (a) the provisions of the Professional Standards Statute 2021 and any policy or requirement made from time to time pursuant to that statute; and
- (b) all other relevant Diocesan statutes and policies.

21.3 For the avoidance of doubt, this section 21 does not change the extent to which a Diocesan statute or policy applies (if at all) to the Cathedral or to any of the persons referred to in sections 21.1 and 21.2.



## 22 Declarations

### **Declarations**

~~22.3~~ 22.1 The provisions of Part 11 of the Parish Governance Statute 2016 shall apply to all lay members of the Chapter and all lay members of Synod ~~and their alternates~~ who are elected in accordance with section ~~30.1(c)~~ 29.1(c) of this statute.

## **PART 8 - THE CHAPTER**

### **23 Composition of the Chapter**

23.1 The Chapter shall consist of the Dean ~~as chairperson,~~ the clerical canons and the lay canons.

23.2 Any other person may by invitation attend and speak, but not vote, at a meeting of the Chapter.

23.3 The Chapter may act notwithstanding any vacancy.

### **24 Functions of the Chapter**

24.1 Subject to section 4, the general management and government of the Cathedral shall be vested in the Chapter. The Chapter shall be responsible for:

- (a) the financial administration of the Cathedral. No expense may be incurred on account of the Chapter without their consent;
- (b) submission to the Diocesan Council of annual audited statements of receipts and expenditure and statistics as Diocesan Council shall require;
- (c) preparing an annual report for the annual meeting of the Cathedral congregation;
- (d) the provision of all things necessary for the celebration of the sacraments and of divine service in the Cathedral;
- (e) subject to the approval, directions or consent of the Trustees, the preservation, maintenance and repair of all property belonging to the Trustees, of which they have the use;
- (f) the preservation, maintenance and repair of all property which is held in trust by the Chapter, from funds at the disposal of the Chapter;
- (g) subject to Diocesan policies and statutes and consultation with the Dean, the employment and dismissal of any salaried clerk, organist, vergers or other paid lay official of the Cathedral, other than members of the choir who may be engaged and dismissed by the Dean without consultation;
- (h) subject to Diocesan statutes and policies and any national employment standards specified under federal legislation from time to time, the appointment of an organist and other lay officers of the Cathedral and the determination of their duties and salaries; and
- (i) the appointment for a three-year term of:
  - (i) a secretary from amongst its members; and
  - (ii) a treasurer who need not be a member of Chapter.

24.2 The functions of the secretary and treasurer appointed by the Chapter shall be as determined from time to time by the Chapter.

24.3 The secretary or treasurer may resign from office by notice in writing signed and sent to the Dean upon receipt of which that person's office becomes vacant.

24.4 The Chapter may by resolution remove from office a secretary or treasurer who is considered by the Chapter to be unfit for any cause to continue in office, and that person's office thereupon becomes vacant.

24.5 In accordance with the primary intent of the canonical institution as attached to cathedral churches, the Chapter shall be a council of spiritual persons upon whom the Archbishop may depend for advice and co-operation in matters concerning the spiritual welfare of the Diocese.

### **25 Powers of the Chapter**

25.1 The Chapter shall have power to make rules for the conduct of all business coming before them and may reimburse themselves out of any moneys in their hands for all expenses which shall be incurred by them in or about the exercise of the duties imposed upon them.

25.2 The Chapter may:

- (a) make, amend and repeal regulations governing its meetings, the duties of the lay canons and for the proper carrying out of its work in the Cathedral district; and
- (b) ~~with the agreement of~~ in consultation with the Dean, nominate ~~appoint~~ a precentor for appointment and licensing by the Archbishop in accordance with the provisions of the Clergy Appointment and Licensing Statute 2021 which apply to appointment and licensing of assistant priests ~~approved by the Dean and licensed by the Archbishop~~. In precedence for ceremonial occasions, the precentor shall follow the clerical canons of the Cathedral.

### **26 Chapter Meetings and Executive Committee**

26.1 At a meeting of the Chapter, seven members shall constitute a quorum, at least four of whom must be lay canons.

26.2 The Dean shall be the chairperson of the Chapter meetings unless the Dean appoints in writing another member of the Chapter either to convene or to chair Chapter meetings, or both. Such appointment ceases upon the Dean withdrawing such an appointment by written notice to the appointee or the appointee ceasing to hold office as a member of Chapter.

~~26.2 The Dean shall hold the position of chairperson and shall chair any meeting of the Chapter at which they are present.~~

26.3 All questions before the Chapter which are not unanimous, shall be decided by the majority of votes of those present at the meeting and in such case the decision of the majority shall be the decision of the Chapter.

- 26.4 If the votes at any such meeting are equal the Dean shall in addition to a deliberative vote have a second or casting vote.
- 26.5 If at any meeting at which the Dean is not present the voting is equal, the matter shall be postponed to the next meeting of the Chapter at which the Dean is present.
- 26.6 The Chapter shall meet at least once in every quarter and shall at its first meeting after the fifteenth day of June in each year:
- [\(a\) review and amend, if necessary, the minutes of the annual meeting of the Cathedral congregation;](#)
  - [\(b\) fill any vacancies remaining after the annual meeting that the annual meeting is competent to fill;](#)
  - ~~(c)~~ [\(c\)](#) appoint an executive committee to consist of four members and the Dean who shall be its chairperson [\(unless the Dean appoints an alternative chair in accordance with section 26.2 of this statute\)](#). Three members shall constitute a quorum of the executive committee;
  - ~~(d)~~ [\(d\)](#) delegate to the executive committee such of the powers and duties of the Chapter as the Chapter may determine; and
  - ~~(e)~~ [\(e\)](#) make such rules as it may from time to time think proper for the guidance of the executive committee.
- 26.7 The office of any member of the executive committee shall be deemed vacant if they cease to be a member of the Chapter.
- 27 **Records**
- 27.1 All members of the Chapter shall have access to all the records of the Cathedral.

## PART 9 – CATHEDRAL CONGREGATION AND ITS MEETINGS

- 28 **Cathedral Congregation**
- 28.1 For the purpose of this Statute the term ‘member of the Cathedral Congregation’ shall mean a person who shall have subscribed to a declaration in the form following: “I declare that:
- I have attained the age of sixteen years;
  - I have been baptised;
  - I am a communicant member of the Anglican Church of Australia, namely,
    - (i) I have been confirmed in the Anglican Church of Australia or am ready and desirous of being so confirmed; or
    - (ii) I have been received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia or am ready and desirous of being so received; or
    - (iii) I am a communicant member of a church that is in full communion with the Anglican Church of Australia;
  - I am not a member of any church that is not in communion with the Anglican Church of Australia;
  - I receive communion regularly at the Cathedral including normally at Christmas and Easter;
  - I regularly attend the public worship of the Anglican Church of Australia at the Cathedral;
  - I have regularly attended worship in the Cathedral during the preceding twelve months; and
  - I am not registered as an enrolled member in any parish.”
- 29 **Annual Meeting**
- 29.1 An annual meeting of the Cathedral Congregation shall be held by the fifteenth day of June in each year, [unless dispensation is granted by the Archbishop to hold the meeting at a later date](#), to:
- (a) consider the annual report of the Chapter;
  - (b) elect, when necessary, the two lay canons in accordance with section 18 of this Statute;
  - (c) elect when necessary two lay members of Synod ~~and their alternates~~ in accordance with the Parish Governance Statute 2016;
  - (d) elect an auditor who shall not be a member of the Chapter; and
  - (e) consider and determine any other business that may properly be brought before the annual meeting.
- 29.2 Notice of the time and place for the annual meeting shall be given by the Dean or officiating clergy, in the Cathedral, on the four Sundays prior to the day of the annual meeting, and by displaying a notice of such meeting publicly for at least four weeks before such meeting.
- 30 **Special Meetings – mandated by Archbishop**
- 30.1 In the case of failure to elect the lay canons of the Chapter, or the auditor or any of them, [and if positions cannot be filled by the Chapter or if the annual meeting is not held by the fifteenth day of June](#), the Archbishop may, by mandate, direct that a special meeting of the Cathedral Congregation be held.
- 30.2 The Archbishop shall cause the same notice of the time and place for the meeting to be given as must be provided in the case of the annual meeting of the Cathedral Congregation.
- 30.3 The notice convening the special meeting of the Cathedral Congregation must state the business for which a special meeting is being convened. No other business may be considered at the special meeting.
- 30.4 If both at the time appointed for the annual meeting of the Congregation and the special meeting of the Congregation the members of the Congregation fail to elect the required number of lay canons and auditors or any of them, Diocesan Council may appoint officers to fill the vacant positions.
- 31 **Special Meetings – called by Dean or requisitioned**
- 31.1 ~~Whenever the Dean~~ [The Dean may whenever they](#) may think fit, ~~convene~~ [may be convened](#) a special meeting of the Cathedral Congregation. The Dean shall cause the same notice of the time and place for the meeting to be given as must be provided in the case of the annual meeting of the Cathedral Congregation.
- 31.2 The notice convening the special meeting of the Cathedral Congregation must state the business for which a special

meeting is being convened. No other business may be considered at the special meeting.

**32 Special Meetings – requisitioned by members**

32.1 The Dean must upon a requisition in writing made by not less than ten members of the Cathedral Congregation convene a special meeting of the Cathedral Congregation.

32.2 A requisition must express the object of the meeting proposed to be called and must be given to the Dean either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to ~~them~~ [the Dean](#) at the Cathedral Office [or by electronic communication to the Dean](#).

32.3 Upon the receipt of a requisition the Dean shall forthwith proceed to convene the special meeting and shall cause the same notice of the time and place for the meeting to be given as must be provided in the case of the annual meeting of the Cathedral Congregation.

32.4 The notice convening the special meeting of the Cathedral Congregation must state the business for which a special meeting is being convened. No other business may be considered at the special meeting.

**33 Meeting procedure**

33.1 The Dean shall be convenor and chairperson of all meetings of the Cathedral Congregation.

33.2 Only members of the Cathedral Congregation and members of the Chapter shall be qualified to speak or vote at any meeting of the Cathedral Congregation.

**34 Dispute Resolution**

34.1 When a dispute arises between the Dean and the Chapter, the Dean and one or more members of the Cathedral Congregation, or the Chapter and one or more members of the Cathedral Congregation, the parties in dispute are encouraged to bring their concerns initially to the Dean and/or the Chapter with a view to resolution of the dispute within the Cathedral.

34.2 If the internal processes do not resolve the dispute, the Dean or the Chapter may invite the Archbishop to assist in the resolution of the dispute. The Archbishop, or a person nominated by the Archbishop for the purpose, may then implement a process of dispute resolution in accordance with [the relevant](#) Diocesan [statutes and](#) policies, ~~or as otherwise determined in the sole discretion of the Archbishop~~.

[34.3](#) Any dispute that has been managed through the processes outlined in sections 34.1 and 34.2 but remains unresolved may be referred to the Archbishop for determination. The determination of the Archbishop [or a person nominated by the Archbishop for this purpose](#) shall be final and binding on the parties to the dispute.

**[35 External affiliations](#)**

[35.1](#) [Section 76 of the Parish Governance Statute 2016 applies to the Cathedral, and that section shall be read as if the reference to parish is a reference to the Cathedral.](#)

**~~35~~[36](#) Transitional**

~~35.1~~[36.1](#) The repeal of the Cathedral Statute ~~1966~~ [2017](#) will not affect or invalidate any act done or commenced, or any appointment made under or by virtue of the Cathedral Statute ~~1966~~ [2017](#), and all persons elected or appointed under that statute and holding office at the passing of this Statute will remain in office as if this Statute had been in force at the time they were elected or appointed and this Statute will apply to them.

**A BILL FOR A STATUTE TO CONSENT TO AMEND  
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1914**

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to amend the Constitution of the Province of Western Australia 1914 (the Constitution).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Archbishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Perth in Synod assembled that:

*Consent is given to amend the Constitution with the “2016 amendments” and the “2025 amendments” as detailed in the track changes copy of the Constitution attached.*

This Statute may be cited as the Constitution of the Province of Western Australia 1914 Amendment Statute 2025.

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FOR AN STATUTE TO CONSENT TO AMEND  
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1914**

At the Provincial Council meeting of 18 March 2025, it was resolved:

*That Provincial Council:*

- a. note the advice from the Chair of the Church Law Commission of General Synod concerning the conflict between the Provincial Constitution and the National Constitution, and*
- b. recommend the Synod of each diocese enacting an ordinance expressing its consent to the attached 2016 and 2025 amendments to the Constitution of Province of Western Australia.*

The 2016 amendments were previously approved by this Synod by Resolution, but to correct the previous procedural error, consent by statute is now required.

The 2025 amendments are intended to clarify the procedure for changing the Constitution and ensure consistency with the Constitution of The Anglican Church of Australia. It is also necessary to delete reference to the Provincial Trustees, which no longer exist.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. The “2016 amendments” and “2025 amendments” as detailed in the track changes copy of the Constitution

## CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1914

### SHORT TITLE

1. <sup>1</sup>This canon may be cited as the Constitution of the Province of Western Australia 1914.

### COMMENCEMENT DATE

2. This canon shall come into operation on the date on which it is ratified by canon of General Synod under the provisions of the Constitution of The Anglican Church of Australia and the Constitution of the Province of Western Australia 1914-1975.

### DEFINITIONS

3. In this canon unless the contrary intention appears: -

“**the Church**” means The Anglican Church of Australia;

“**communicant**” means member of the Church who shall have received the Holy Communion not less than three times within the preceding year and who is aged 18 years or older;

“**the Council**” means the Provincial Council of the Province;

“**diocese**” means a diocese within the Province;

“**dioceses**” means the dioceses forming the Province;

<sup>2</sup> “**Former Constitution**” means the Constitution of the Province of Western Australia ~~1941~~1914-1975;

“**the Metropolitan**” means the person duly appointed Metropolitan under the provisions of this Constitution and his successors in office, and, except when otherwise provided, or when the context otherwise indicates, the Senior Bishop in the event of the death of the Metropolitan, or of his resignation, absence, incapacity, suspension pending trial, or of his then being under judicial sentence or if by reason of any other cause the Metropolitan See be vacant;

“**President**” means the Metropolitan acting as President of the Council;

“**the Province**” means the Province of Western Australia; and

<sup>2</sup> “**the Senior Bishop**” means the ~~s~~Senior ~~d~~Diocesan Bishop of the Province by order of consecration, resident in Western Australia, and in the case of his unwillingness to act or of his absence, incapacity, suspension pending trial, or of his then being under judicial sentence the ~~d~~Diocesan Bishop next in seniority to him in the Province by order of consecration, resident in Western Australia.

In so far as the context may require words of the masculine gender in this canon shall be construed as including the feminine gender and words of the feminine gender shall be construed as including the masculine gender.

### REPEAL

4. The provisions of the Former Constitution to the extent they are inconsistent with the provisions of this canon are repealed.

### THE PROVINCE

5. The Province shall consist of the dioceses which have their sees within the State of Western Australia.

### THE METROPOLITAN

6. <sup>2</sup>The ~~Arch~~bishop of the Diocese of Perth shall be Metropolitan of the Province.
7. <sup>2</sup>During any vacancy in the office or incapacity of the Metropolitan or during his absence from the Province for a period exceeding thirty days the authorities, powers, rights and duties of the Metropolitan under this Constitution shall be exercised by the ~~S~~senior ~~diocesan b~~Bishop of the Province ~~able and willing to act, seniority being determined by the date of consecration.~~

<sup>1</sup> Title amended 2010 - Canon No 1 of 2009, ratified General Synod 2010

<sup>2</sup> Amended 2016

## THE COUNCIL

8. There shall be a Provincial Council of the Province of which shall-
  - (a) be called the Provincial Council of the Province of Western Australia, and
  - (b) replace the Provincial Synod in the Province.
9. (1) The Council shall consist of –
  - (a) <sup>1</sup>(i) the Metropolitan;
  - (ii) the other diocesan Bishops of the Province;
  - (iii) the secretaries of each of the dioceses;
  - ~~(iv) the lay trustees of the Province;~~
  - who shall hold office ex officio; and,
  - (b) <sup>2</sup>Two clerical and two lay representatives of each ~~d~~Diocese.
  - (2) Clerical representatives shall be in priest's orders and licensed therein.
  - (3) Lay representatives shall be communicants.
  - (4) (a) Clerical and lay representatives of a diocese shall be elected or appointed for such periods, at such times and in such manner, and
  - (b) any vacancy however caused in the seat of a representative shall be filled in such manner as may from time to time be prescribed by or under the constitution of the dioceses.
10. Upon the election or appointment of a representative of a diocese the Secretary of the diocese shall forward to the Secretary of Council full particulars of:
  - (a) the name and address of the representative; and
  - (b) any change in such name and address upon having notice thereof.
- 11.(1) The Council shall subject to the canons of the General Synod of the Church have the power to: -
  - (a) legislate by canon upon and in respect of the following matters concerning the order and good government of the Church in the Province:
    - (i) the constitution of an appellate tribunal;
    - (ii) the taking of measures for promoting intercommunion with other branches of the Holy Catholic Church in the Province, so far as is consistent with the principles doctrine law and order of the Church;
    - (iii) the regulation of the relations of the Church with other Christian organisations so far as is consistent with the principles doctrine law and order of the Church;
    - (iv) the promotion of mission at home and overseas;
    - (v) the promotion of religious and secular education;
    - (vi) the education and training of candidates for Holy Orders;
    - (vii) the holding and administration of real and personal property;
    - (viii) <sup>2</sup>the assessment of the ~~d~~Dioceses ~~by the Standing Committee~~ for all costs, charges and expenses from time to time of and incidental to the carrying into effect of the Constitution and Canons of the Council the Registry of the Province of each Session of the Council ~~and the meetings of the Standing Committee~~ and for the payment by each ~~d~~Diocese of the proportion thereof as shall from time to time be determined ~~by the Standing Committee~~;

<sup>1</sup> Amended 2025

<sup>2</sup> Amended 2016

and,

- (ix) any other matter referred to the Council by the diocesan synods.
- (b) make rules prescribing anything necessary or convenient for carrying out and giving effect to any Canon or for controlling and regulating the administration of its affairs, and in particular may make rules prescribing -
  - (i) the procedure for any election or appointment to be made by under the authority of the Council to any office; and
  - (ii) the authorities, powers, rights and duties of any Officer committee board or commission of the Council.

A rule shall be made by resolution after notice has been duly given in accordance with the standing orders;

- (c) regulate the conduct of its business under standing orders or otherwise as it may deem proper;
  - (d) deliberate upon and make statements upon all matters affecting the interests of the Church in the Province;
  - (e) make such enquiries as it deems requisite;
  - (f) communicate with and make such petitions and representations as it deems fit to the Government and other bodies and persons or any of them;
  - (g) take such action with reference to State and public affairs as it considers desirable;
  - (h) confer with and cooperate with other Christian bodies on such subjects and at such times as it deems fit;
  - (i) from time to time appoint representatives of the Province to ecumenical bodies;
  - (j) exercise such powers and perform such functions as may from time to time be committed to it by ordinance by each diocese;
  - (k) provide from the funds available to it for costs, charges and expenses of or in connection with the holding of meetings, the performance of its functions and the exercise of its powers and when it deems fit to levy each diocese on an equitable basis agreed upon from time to time by ordinance by each diocese for the costs charges and expenses aforesaid not otherwise provided for;
  - (l) exercise such powers and perform such functions as are powers or functions of or are conferred on a provincial synod or a provincial council by or under the Constitution of The Anglican Church of Australia or by General Synod; and
  - (m) from time-to-time revoke or amend any resolution, determination, decision, rule or canon made by the Council or the former Synod of the Province.
- (2) Subject to section 11(1)(l) nothing in sub-section (1) shall operate to restrict or limit the authority, functions or powers of a diocesan synod unless in a particular case that diocesan synod otherwise expressly provides.

## COMMITTEES

### 12. The Council:

- (a) ~~shall~~ may appoint among its own members a Standing Committee of the Council; and
- (b) and revoke the appointment of other committees comprising such persons as the Council determines,

and subject to the Constitution of The Anglican Church of Australia may delegate to any such committee such of the powers and functions of the Council as it thinks fit.

## MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

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<sup>1</sup> Amended 2016

13. The Metropolitan shall convene the Council at least once in every two years and shall also convene the Council whenever requested in writing to do so by any diocesan ~~B~~bishop or by a majority of the representatives for the time being of any diocese.
14. The Council shall meet in Perth or such other place as the Metropolitan at any particular time shall determine. Except with the concurrence of the Metropolitan and of the diocesan ~~B~~bishops the Council shall be convened by notice in writing posted in the case of ex officio members to the member's official address and in the case of elected members to the address of the member most recently notified to the Secretary pursuant to Clause 10 hereof. The notice shall specify the date hour and place appointed for the meeting. No meeting or resolution or other action of the Council shall be vitiated by reason only that any person to be elected appointed or summoned has not been elected appointed or summoned or by reason only of any informality with respect to the electing appointment or summoning.
15. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings at all meetings of the Council and such minutes and all other records (if any) concerning the Province shall be kept at such place as the Metropolitan may from time to time direct.
16. At every meeting of the Council the President shall if willing preside but he shall have the right to appoint another diocesan ~~B~~bishop of the Province to preside for any period during which he does not wish to do so.
17. <sup>1</sup>No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Council unless eleven members of the Council including one clerical and one lay representative of each diocese being either an ex officio or elected member of the Council, and one diocesan ~~B~~bishop of the Province are present.
- 18.(1) The business to be transacted at a meeting of the Council shall be discussed and voted upon by the members present sitting and voting together.  
(2) No question before the Council shall be deemed to be resolved –
  - (a) unless it be resolved in the affirmative by a vote of the majority of the members present; or
  - (b) where the Council resolves that a question be resolved by a vote by Orders unless it be resolved in the affirmative by -
    - (i) a vote of the majority of the diocesan ~~B~~bishops present;
    - (ii) a vote of the majority of the clerical representatives present; and
    - (iii) a vote of the majority of the lay representatives present.
19. The President with the concurrence of the Council may permit observers to be present at any meeting of the Council

## OFFICERS

- 20.(1) The Diocesan Secretary of the Diocese of Perth shall be the secretary of the Council.
- (2) The Council may –
  - (a) from time to time appoint and revoke the appointment of such other officers as it determines;
  - (b) prescribe the duties of the secretary of the Council and such other officers;
  - (c) authorise the opening the closing and conduct of bank accounts; and,
  - (d) generally, regulate its affairs and the affairs of any committee appointed by it in such manner and in all aspects as it shall think fit.

## DIOCESAN BISHOPS

21. During any vacancy in the office or incapacity of the diocesan ~~B~~bishop of any diocese or during the absence from his diocese of a diocesan Bishop of the Province for a period exceeding thirty days the authorities, powers, rights and duties (including membership of the Council) conferred or imposed on him by his constitution other than the authorities, powers, rights and duties appertaining to the office

<sup>1</sup> Amended 1986



of Metropolitan shall be exercised by the person appointed by or under the constitution of his diocese to administer the affairs thereof but nothing in this section confers on a person who is not a Bishop a right under section 18 to vote as a Bishop.

## CANONS

22. All canons shall be numbered in regular arithmetical series each year beginning with the number one in the order in which they were passed and shall be distinguished by a short title and be described as of the year in which they were passed.
23. All canons shall be forthwith promulgated by the President of the Council by notice in writing under his hand and seal, addressed to the Provincial Bishops, and shall, when so promulgated, be binding thereafter upon all the ~~d~~Bdioceses in the Province unless objected to by a motion carried in the next session of the synod of any diocese of the Province when it shall cease to be binding on that ~~d~~Bdiocese.

## SEE OF PERTH<sup>1</sup>

24. (a) Whenever the See of Perth shall become vacant a new a new Archbishop shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Archbishop's Statute 2016. ~~the Committee appointed by the Synod of the Metropolitan Diocese for that purpose (hereinafter called "the Committee") shall meet to consider the choice of a new Metropolitan. All meetings of the Committee shall be held in the See City of the Metropolitan Diocese and the first of such meetings shall be convened by the Administrator of the said Diocese who shall preside thereat and at all other meetings of the Committee. If the Administrator shall be a candidate for election then while his candidature is under discussion the Committee shall elect a chairman from amongst its members who shall have a deliberative but not a casting vote.~~
- (b) Before the first meeting of the Archbishop election c~~B~~Committee is held, each of the diocesan ~~B~~Bishops of the Province shall be invited by the Administrator of the Metropolitan Diocese to submit in writing names of persons he thinks should be considered for the appointment by a date by which such nominations must be received.
- ~~— (c) The nomination of candidates for election may be made by any members of the Committee after consideration of the names submitted by the diocesan bishops.~~
- ~~— (d) No person shall be elected as Metropolitan until he has received a majority of the votes of the clerical members and a majority of the votes of the lay members of the Committee.~~
- ~~— (e) In the event of failure to elect within a period of twelve calendar months from the date of the vacancy of the See the election shall vest in the Diocesan Council unless it extends the period for election by the Committee, which it may do for periods of six months at a time.~~
- ~~— (f) When a person has been elected as Archbishop the Administrator of the Diocese of Perth shall certify the name of such person elected to the Primate or the Senior Diocesan Bishop of the Province of Western Australia or the Chancellor of the Diocese of Perth for confirmation as to canonical fitness as defined in section 74 (1) of the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia.~~
- ~~— (g) If canonical fitness is not confirmed within fourteen days of such certification, such election shall be null and void and proceedings shall be taken as if the vacancy in the See occurred at the time of such certification.<sup>2</sup>~~
- (~~c~~d) On receipt of the confirmation of canonical fitness, the Administrator of the Diocese of Perth shall inform the diocesan ~~B~~Bishops of the Province of Western Australia of the name of the elected person.
- (~~d~~d) When an election has been confirmed as required the person so elected (subject to ~~his~~their consecration if necessary) shall be the Metropolitan and ~~Archb~~ArchbBishop of the Metropolitan See and shall be entitled to exercise the functions of such Metropolitan as from the date of ~~his~~their enthronement in the Cathedral Church of the Metropolitan See.

<sup>1</sup> Amended 2016

## DIOCESES

25. Whenever the formation of a new diocese by the division of a diocese into two or more diocese has been ratified by the Council, each of the dioceses affected thereby shall be subject to the Constitution and canons of the Province and also to the statutes of the diocese so divided except as local circumstances may prevent, unless and until the said statutes shall be amended, altered or repealed by the diocesan synod of the new diocese.
26. Whenever the formation of a new diocese out of two or more existing dioceses has been ratified by the Council, the new diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and canons of such of the said existing dioceses as shall be specified in the order of ratification until the same shall be altered by the synod of the new diocese.

## DIOCESAN SYNODS

27. Whenever in this Constitution, the words “diocesan synod” occurs, in a diocese where no diocesan synod is yet formed, the ~~B~~bishop shall have all the power and rights thereof.

## ALTERATIONS

28. Subject to the Constitution of The Anglican Church of Australia:
  - (a) the Province may be altered by an increase or a decrease in the number of dioceses; and
  - (b) <sup>1</sup>this Constitution may be altered in any respect whatsoever only upon:
    - i. the Council by resolution recommending to the dioceses the terms of a proposed alteration;
    - ii. the Synod of each diocese then enacting an ordinance expressing its consent to the proposed alteration;
    - iii. the Council then legislating by Canon to give effect to the consent of the dioceses' Synods; and
    - iv. the General Synod then prescribing a canon to ratify the alteration.

~~this Constitution may be altered in any respect whatsoever by a canon for that purpose which firstly shall be approved by Council then by resolution thereof communication by the President to each of diocesan synods in the Province through their Bishop then at their next ordinary or special meeting assented to by at least two-thirds of the dioceses and finally adopted at the next succeeding meeting of the Council by a vote by orders in the affirmative.~~

The alteration shall not take effect until ratified by Canon of General Synod

## CONSOLIDATION

29. When this Constitution or any canon of the Council is amended it shall be printed as amended and the sections of the amended Constitution or canon renumbered consequential to any repealed or additional section or sections.

## TRANSITIONAL

30. All persons things and circumstances appointed or created and all ordinances made by or under the Former Constitution as existing immediately before the coming into force of this canon shall under and subject to this canon continue to have the same status operation and effect as it would have had if the Former Constitution had remained in full force and effect and as if the Council and the Standing Committee of the Council were respectively one and the same with the Provincial Synod and the Standing Committee of Provincial Synod constituted by and under the Former Constitution.

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