



# Anglican Church of Australia

## General Synod

### RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

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The resolutions of the Synod will be published in the Proceedings Book in due course.

<b>ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ISSUES</b>	
R23/17  *	<p><b>Domestic Violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities</b></p> <p>The Rev'd Canon Bruce Boase, Ms Rose Elu seconding</p> <p>The General Synod recognises and shares the deep concern of NATSIAC members regarding the rate of domestic and family violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Calls upon the government both federal and state to continue to invest in educational and family support programs;</li> <li>b) Calls upon the Anglican Church of Australia to facilitate a national response through greater education among clergy and church workers with regard to domestic and family violence; and,</li> <li>c) Calls upon dioceses to develop domestic violence policies, with advice for good pastoral practice, consistent with Faithfulness in Service, and in consultation with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R24/17	<p><b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Issues</b></p> <p>The Rev'd Canon Bruce Boase, Ms Rose Elu seconding</p> <p>The General Synod recognises and shares the deep concern of NATSIAC members in regard to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The appalling number of youth suicides in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; ten times higher than the wider Australian community and notes that suicides touch 95% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.</li> <li>2. This Synod calls upon the government, both state and federal, to investigate the causes of these horrific statistics, and requests appropriate continuing funding to finance functional programs in consultation and negotiation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;</li> <li>3. The sad and undeniable facts concerning the disproportionate rate of incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in gaols and detention centres all over Australia.</li> <li>4. This Synod strongly urges all governments, federal and state to end mandatory sentencing and to actively investigate and examine 'best practice' from other jurisdictions, utilise resources such as diversionary programs and changes to policies that would seek to have gaol as the last resort.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>

R28/17	<p><b>First Nation's Voice</b></p> <p>Dr Carolyn Tan sought the leave of Synod to move the motion in an amended form. Leave was granted.</p> <p>Dr Carolyn Tan moving, The Very Rev'd Peter Catt seconding</p> <p>The General Synod:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supports the recommendation of the Referendum Council for a constitutionally-entrenched First Nations' Voice to the Commonwealth Parliament;</li> <li>2. Encourages the governments in Australia to seek to negotiate in good faith with First Nations' Peoples towards treaties or other similar forms of agreement;</li> <li>3. Requests the General Secretary to convey this resolution to the Prime Minister, State Premiers, and Leaders of the Opposition;</li> <li>4. Requests the Public Affairs Commission in consultation with NATSIAC to prepare resources, including summaries and theological reflections for use by Anglican parishes, schools and organisations, on the Referendum Council Report on any subsequent referendum questions and on the progress of treaty or similar negotiations.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">5 September 2017</p>
R29/17	<p><b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Issues</b></p> <p>Ms Rose Elu moving, The Rev'd Canon Bruce Boase seconding</p> <p>The General Synod,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledges that NATSIAC, as the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans in Australia, is committed to the preservation of God's creation; and       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) joins with NATSIAC in recognising the implications of Climate Change upon the entire nation, its land, sea and waters but especially in the Torres Strait; and</li> <li>b) forwards the findings and recommendations of the Symposium on Indigenous Perspectives on Climate Change held in Darwin 2016 to the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, State Premiers, and relevant ministers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Acknowledges that NATSIAC has been expressing concern over the use of fracking on traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands for many years, and joins with NATSIAC in condemning practices which seek to pressure elders to submit their traditional homelands and waterways to fracking and other practices that risk destroying hunting and fishing grounds and areas of major cultural significance.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">5 September 2017</p>

**ANGLICAN COMMUNION**

R51/17

**Scottish Episcopal Church**

The Very Rev'd Kanishka Raffel moving, The Venerable David Bassett seconding

The General Synod –

- a) notes with regret that the Scottish Episcopal Church has amended their Canon on Marriage to change the definition that marriage is between a man and a woman by adding a new section that allows clergy to solemnise marriage between same-sex couples as well as couples of the opposite sex;
- b) notes with regret that this step is contrary to the doctrine of our Church and the teaching of Christ that, in marriage, “a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh” (Matt 19:6), and
- c) expresses our support for those Anglicans who have left or will need to leave the Scottish Episcopal Church because of its redefinition of marriage and those who struggle and remain; and
- d) prays that the Scottish Episcopal Church will return to the doctrine of Christ in this matter and that impaired relationships will be restored.

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**APPRECIATION**

R35/17

**Bishop Greg Thompson**

Bishop Peter Stuart moving, Ms Sue Williams seconding

This General Synod gives thanks to Almighty God for the courageous ministry and prophetic leadership by the 13th Bishop of Newcastle The Right Rev'd Gregory Thompson in calling the Church and especially the Diocese of Newcastle to face their past about child sexual abuse and shape a healthy future in responses to Christ's call to protect, esteem and nurture children and vulnerable people.

Further this General Synod requests the Primate to convey these sentiments to Bishop Thompson.

5 September 2017

R68/17

**General Synod Arrangements**

Archbishop Geoff Smith moving, Dr Muriel Porter seconding

The General Synod gratefully thanks –

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The Clerical Secretary, the Rev'd Canon Katherine Bowyer, and the Lay Secretary, Mr Tim Reid, who have excelled in undertaking these roles for the first time at this session of General Synod;

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The members of the Minutes Reading Committee:

Mr Clive Ellis (Convenor)

Bishop Bradly Billings

Ms Beverly Birch

The Rev'd Dane Courtney

Dr Timothy Nicholson

Bishop Sarah Macneil

For their attention to detail and patience under demanding time constraints;

The members of the Election and Qualifications Committee:

Bishop Trevor Edwards

Mr Michael Meek SC

Justice Debra Mullins

Bishop John Parkes AM

Ms Emma Riggs

Ms Carolyn Tan

whose thoughtful deliberations facilitated our electoral processes;

The Liturgy Committee:  
 Bishop Garry Weatherill (chair)  
 The Rev'd Dr Rhys Bezzant  
 The Very Rev'd Chris Chataway  
 The Rev'd Dane Courtney  
 The Rev'd Jasmine Dow  
 The Very Rev'd Richard Humphrey  
 The Rev'd Dr Colleen O'Reilly  
 The Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith  
 The Rev'd Dr Richard Treloar  
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Bishop Michael Stead, the Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey, the Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee and the Rev'd Dr John Dunnill for their enriching leadership of the Bible study sessions.

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The Diocese of Adelaide for making available the electronic voting devices for General Synod, and for releasing Mr Dan Harris, Manager of Ministry and Parish Support, to guide us so efficiently in the implementation of the system.

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 The Anglican Board of Mission  
 Anglican National Super  
 Anglican Overseas Aid  
 Anglican Relief and Development Fund  
 Bible Study Live Light  
 Church Resources  
 Defence Force Anglican Chaplaincy  
 Fair Go  
 Keepad Interactive

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R69/17	<p><b>The Hon Peter Young AO QC</b></p> <p>Dr Laurie Scandrett moving, Dr Robert Tong AM seconding</p> <p>That this Synod notes that this will most likely be the last General Synod that The Hon. Peter Young AO QC will be a representative for the Diocese of Sydney.</p> <p>This Synod gives great thanks for Peter's encyclopaedic knowledge of the law and a deep commitment to Christ and his Church, the Anglican Church of Australia. This has been exemplified by his continuous membership of this Synod from the Sixth General Synod in 1985 to the Seventeenth General Synod in 2017, and his other national Church involvements.</p> <p>This Synod particularly notes his insightful time on the General Synod Standing Committee, his detailed work as the Chairman of Committees of General Synod, his perceptive work on the Church Law Commission, his Chairmanship of the National Church Constitution Commission, and of course his sacrificial service firstly as a member and then as the President of the Appellate Tribunal.</p> <p>Finally this Synod wishes Peter and Pam God's every blessing for the future.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 September 2017</p>

R70/17	<p><b>Bishop Andrew Curnow AM</b></p> <p>That this General Synod expresses its appreciation Bishop Andrew Curnow for his service to the diocese of Bendigo, to this Synod and to the Anglican Church of Australia.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 September 2017</p>
R71/17	<p><b>Bishop Allan Ewing</b></p> <p>Bishop Kate Wilmot sought the leave of Synod to bring a Motion without Notice. Leave was so granted.</p> <p>That this General Synod expresses its appreciation to Bishop Alan Ewing for his service to the diocese of Bunbury, to this Synod and to the Anglican Church of Australia.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 September 2017</p>
R72/17	<p><b>Retiring Members of General Synod</b></p> <p>Bishop Michael Stead sought the leave of Synod to move a motion of appreciation without notice: Leave was so granted.</p> <p>This General Synod recognises that some of its number will be retiring before the next session of General Synod. This General Synod expresses its appreciation to its retiring members, and thanks God for them and for their service to this Synod and to the Anglican Church of Australia over many years, including the following:</p> <p>Dr Baden Teague - <b>Adelaide</b></p> <p>Bishop Ian Palmer - <b>Bathurst</b></p> <p>Bishop Andrew Curnow AM - <b>Bendigo</b></p> <p>Bishop Alison Taylor - <b>Brisbane</b></p> <p><b>Bunbury</b>  Bishop Allan Ewing  Mr Harold Luxton</p> <p>Bishop Jeffrey Driver - <b>Doctrine Commission</b></p> <p>Bishop Sarah Macneil - <b>Grafton</b></p> <p><b>Melbourne</b>  Bishop Philip Huggins  Rev'd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly  Venerable Len Firth  Rev'd Dr Donald Saines  Dr Muriel Porter OAM who has completed 28 years' service to the Standing Committee</p> <p>Bishop Bill Ray - <b>North Queensland</b></p>



**Sydney**

Bishop Robert Forsyth  
Mr Geoff Kyngdon  
Archbishop Glenn Davies

Bishop John Parkes AM - **Wangaratta**

Ms Ruth Robinson - **Willochra**

8 September 2017

<b>DOCTRINE</b>	
R44/17	<p><b>Proclamation of the Gospel</b></p> <p>Dr Barry Newman moving, The Rev'd Gavin Parsons seconding</p> <p>The General Synod – while abhorring oppression, abuse, cruelty, victimisation and all forms of violence and injustice, and while strongly supporting efforts to deal with such violence and injustice, and</p> <p>while affirming its deep concern for the poor, the homeless, the lonely, the ill and all who suffer, and while strongly supporting efforts to alleviate such suffering, also</p> <p>asserts its belief that God loved the world, that his righteous judgement will prevail, that he gave his Son, the Christ to suffer and die for our sins, that he raised him from the dead, that he pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people, that his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ will return in majesty and that he calls all to repent and believe in his son, and strongly supports efforts to proclaim this glorious gospel to the world.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6 September 2017</p>
R48/17	<p><b>Marriage, same-sex marriage and the blessing of same-sex relationships</b></p> <p>Bishop Michael Stead moving, The Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee seconding</p> <p>The General Synod –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) recognises that the doctrine of our church, in line with traditional Christian teaching, is that marriage is an exclusive and lifelong union of a man and a woman, and further,</li> <li>(ii) recognises that this has been the subject of several General Synod resolutions over the past fifteen years, and also</li> <li>(iii) recognises that the nature of marriage is the subject of ongoing conversation within the church and wider community and that we need to listen to each other with care and respect, and</li> <li>(iv) acknowledges the experiences and genuine concerns of LGBTIQ+ people within the church and the community, and therefore</li> <li>(v) asks the Doctrine Commission to facilitate a respectful conversation in our church by means of a collection of essays on marriage and same-sex relationships that explores Scriptural and theological issues relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The doctrine of marriage expressed in the formularies of the Anglican Church of Australia</li> <li>b. Our current Australian context, exploring the relationship between the State's definition of marriage and the church's doctrine of marriage</li> <li>c. Key Old Testament and New Testament texts on sex, marriage and friendship</li> <li>d. Scripture and hermeneutics</li> <li>e. A theology of blessing</li> <li>f. A theology of desire</li> <li>g. Godly disagreement on this issue</li> <li>h. The case for and against same-sex marriage and/or the blessing of same-sex unions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">7 September 2017</p>

R57/17	<p data-bbox="375 114 960 152"><b>Request for Doctrine Commission Report</b></p> <p data-bbox="375 183 1342 221">The Rev'd James Harricks moving, the Venerable Kara Hartley seconding</p> <p data-bbox="375 250 1401 353">The General Synod requests the Doctrine Commission to prepare a report on the distinction between the gospel of Christ crucified and the consequences of that gospel.</p> <p data-bbox="1157 385 1401 418">8 September 2017</p>
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<b>ECUMENICAL RELATIONS</b>	
R27/17	<p><b>Church Agencies Network Disaster Operation (CAN DO)</b></p> <p>Bishop Tim Harris moving, Bishop John Parkes AM seconding</p> <p>The General Synod commends the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operation (CAN DO) consortium as a significant and welcome demonstration of ecumenical collaboration, in an important area of global ministry and mission, and urges the Anglican Church of Australia to support the work of Anglican Board of Mission and Anglican Overseas Aid through CAN DO.</p> <p>The Rev'd John Deane, ABM, addressed the Synod by leave on this work.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 September 2017</p>
R40/17	<p><b>World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel</b></p> <p>Ms Helen Rainger moving, Mr Phillip Davies seconding</p> <p>* That this Synod encourages members of General Synod and those within their Dioceses to consider marking in some way the World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel, 17-24 September 2017.</p> <p>Synod notes that resources for liturgy and prayer are available on the World Council of Churches website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 September 2017</p>

R53/17

**500th Anniversary of the Reformation**

Bishop Tim Harris moving, The Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Anstey seconding

Noting the five-hundredth anniversary in 2017 of Martin Luther's nailing 95 Theses of protest to the door of the castle church in Wittenburg on October 31, 1517, regarded by many as a significant catalyst in inaugurating protestant reformations in Europe, and recognising Lutherans as partners with Anglicans in ongoing reforming traditions that encompass a variety of denominations and expressions of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ;

and further noting the resolution of ACC 16:16 that:

"The Anglican Consultative Council

1. recognizes the significance of the five-hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, which will be marked in 2017; and
2. encourages Anglicans across the Communion to be a part of the commemorations by joining in shared services, undertaking study with Lutherans and other ecumenical partners, and engaging with them in mission activities; and
3. recommends that Anglicans engage with the Lutheran World Federation's focus: Liberated by God's Grace,";

The General Synod:

- a) gives thanks to our heavenly Father for the Reformation of the sixteenth century,
- b) gives thanks to Almighty God that in the grace and mercy of God, the Church continues to be reformed, and seeks ever to be so,
- c) encourages members of the Anglican Church of Australia to join with our ecumenical partners; and especially the Lutheran Church of Australia, in commemorating this occasion, through shared worship, bible study and partnership in mission and ministry projects;
- d) affirms the importance of hearing God's Word in the common tongue, and the practice of regular public reading of the Holy Scriptures through authorised lectionaries; and
- e) affirms the regular liturgical expression of the wholesome and comforting doctrine that we are justified by faith only, by the merits and death of God's Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood; and
- f) recommends for study and discussion the biblical and spiritual reflections contained in Liberated by God's Grace: Anglican-Lutheran Reflections (LWF 2017), produced by the Anglican-Lutheran International Coordinating Committee (ALICC4).

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<b>FINANCE</b>	
R30/17	<p><b>Finance – Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <p>Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding</p> <p>That the Treasurer’s report on the financial position of the General Synod at 31 December 2016 be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 September 2017</p>
R31/17	<p><b>Finance – Audited Accounts at 31 December 2016</b></p> <p>Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding</p> <p>That the audited financial statements of the General Synod for the year ended 31 December 2016, as adopted by Standing Committee, be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 September 2017</p>
R32/17	<p><b>Finance – General Synod Budget 2017</b></p> <p>Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding</p> <p>That the General Synod budget for the year ended 31 December 2017, as approved by Standing Committee, be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 September 2017</p>
R58/17	<p><b>Finance – General Synod Budget 2018</b></p> <p>Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding</p> <p>That the General Synod budget for the year ended 31 December 2018, be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 September 2017</p>
R59/17	<p><b>Finance – General Synod Forecast 2019 and 2020</b></p> <p>Mr Allan Perryman moving, Bishop Michael Stead seconding</p> <p>That Synod receives the General Synod forecast budget for years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 September 2017</p>

<b>LITURGY</b>	
R52/17	<p><b>Liturgy Resources</b> Bishop Garry Weatherill moving, the Rev'd Elizabeth Smith seconding</p> <p>The General Synod, noting the changing contexts of mission for the Anglican Church of Australia, requests the Liturgy Commission to continue to develop texts in areas including -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Supplementary seasonal, thematic and other material for use with APBA Holy Communion orders;</li> <li>b. Supplementary services of the Word;</li> <li>c. Supplementary orders for baptism, confirmation, marriage, funerals, commissionings and other pastoral occasions;</li> <li>d. Supplementary prayers for various occasions;</li> <li>e. A new liturgical psalter;</li> <li>f. Additional prayers and liturgical resources drawing, upon consultation, more extensive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prayers, motifs and other media to reflect the indigenous culture of our nation's First Peoples.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">7 September 2017</p>

<b>MISSION AND MINISTRY</b>	
R26/17	<p><b>Mission to Seafarers</b></p> <p>Bishop John Stead moved, Bishop Gary Nelson seconding</p> <p>The General Synod –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Receives the report of the Mission to Seafarers.</li> <li>b) Recognises and seeks to include the celebration of Sea Sunday annually as a way to support the ministry of the Mission to Seafarers and highlight the plight of Seafarers.</li> <li>c) Calls on the Federal Government to take seriously its responsibility under the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 and fully fund land based welfare for seafarers in this country.</li> <li>d) Respectfully requests the Primate to convey the above terms of this resolution to the Prime Minister and Federal Transport Minister.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R46/17	<p><b>Pioneer Ministry</b></p> <p>Bishop Stephen Pickard moving, Bishop Tim Harris seconding</p> <p>The General Synod:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) acknowledges that patterns of faith and belief in Australia are changing and that the Anglican Church of Australia’s capacity to participate in God’s mission is diminishing when too many congregations struggle with vitality and outreach;</li> <li>b) notes the ten-year anniversary of “Building the Mission-shaped Church” report in October 2006 and its call to build capacity for church planting and developing fresh expressions of church as strategies for mission and evangelism;</li> <li>c) commends dioceses for undertaking a diverse range of initiatives at revitalising parishes, planting new churches and pioneering different forms of church for people who live in a changing culture;</li> <li>d) recognises that the development of pioneer leaders capable of planting new churches or developing different forms of church remains problematic when little consensus about expectations for ordination and lay ministry exists nationally;</li> <li>e) requests that the Mission and Ministry Commission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. convene a national network of pioneer leaders engaged in revitalisation, planting and fresh expressions to meet annually;</li> <li>ii. convene a national research network to foster the theology and practice of evangelism;</li> <li>iii. examine how community-based chaplaincy and pioneer ministry intersect to create fresh opportunities for mission in a changing society;</li> <li>iv. explore ways to provide for coaching and training support for lay and women pioneer leaders; and</li> <li>v. seek to engage the annual Bishops’ Conference in discussion about mission and evangelism in a changing Australia.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">6 September 2017</p>



<p>R55/17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*</p>	<p><b>Models of Ordained Local Ministry</b></p> <p>Bishop Stephen Pickard moving, Ms Sue Williams seconding</p> <p>The General Synod –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) receives the report of the Ministry Commission on Ordained Local Ministry (2 May 2017) and refer it to all Dioceses;</li> <li>b) encourages all Dioceses to consider the recommendations of the Ordained Local Ministry report as it relates to their local context, and</li> <li>c) requests the Ministry Commission to explore ways to facilitate further initiatives in Ordained Local Ministry.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">7 September 2017</p>
<p>R56/17</p>	<p><b>Clergy Professional Supervision</b></p> <p>Bishop Stephen Pickard moving, The Rev'd Dr Richard Trist seconding,</p> <p>That in the light of the increasing challenges facing clergy and lay ministers, and the heightened demand for the accountability of church workers, the General Synod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) recommends that every Australian diocese takes seriously the benefits of professional supervision for its clergy and paid lay workers;</li> <li>b) supports the development of pilot projects in supervision of clergy and lay ministers particularly in rural and regional areas; and</li> <li>c) requests the Ministry Commission to undertake an audit of the extent and types of supervision already occurring across the Australian church, and develop national supervision guidelines; and</li> <li>d) requests the Ministry Commission to consider the inclusion of Clergy Professional Supervision as an integral component of a continuing professional development framework for clergy.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">7 September 2017</p>

<b>PUBLIC AFFAIRS</b>	
R37/17	<p><b>UN Conference on Nuclear Disarmament</b></p> <p>Bishop Philip Huggins moving, Bishop Cameron Venables seconding</p> <p>That this General Synod urges our Australian Government to be a strong and positive contributor to the 2018 high level UN Conference on Nuclear Disarmament.</p> <p>Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and aware of current instabilities, we urge that this opportunity be taken to elevate the issue of nuclear disarmament and to build pressure on nuclear-weapon States to agree to specific nuclear disarmament proposals.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 September 2017</p>
R42/17	<p><b>Australian Freedom Network</b></p> <p>Bishop Matt Brain moving, Bishop Stephen Pickard seconding</p> <p>That this General Synod –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the establishment of the Australian Freedom Network (AFN) signed by the Primate on our behalf;</li> <li>2. Commends those involved in the establishment of the Global Freedom Network of which the AFN is part;</li> <li>3. Acknowledges the continuing reality of human trafficking and slavery, and laments the damage that this does to all involved as a distortion of what it means to be created in God's image;</li> <li>4. Commits to personal and organisational behaviour that utilises tools such as the "Ethical Fashion Guide" and information regarding corporate supply chains to inform decisions surrounding consumption so that ethical choices can be made; and</li> <li>5. Requests that the General Synod network, Anglican Schools Australia, consider how it may collaborate with the AFN to explore how Anglican Schools in Australia may be supported as they educate students to be ethical leaders in the Australian community.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">6 September 2017</p>
R49/17	<p><b>Condemnation and Apology for Domestic Violence</b></p> <p>* Bishop Stephen Hale sought leave that Motion 21.3 to be considered immediately after consideration of Motion 21.2. Leave was so granted.</p> <p>Bishop Stephen Hale moving, The Ven Kara Hartley seconding</p> <p>The General Synod affirms that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All human beings, male and female, are created in the image of God, and are precious to him. So their value and dignity should be upheld by all, and rightly commands respect and protection.</li> <li>2. In following the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, Christian relationships, families, and households are to be characterised by mutual love, respect, compassion and a commitment to the wellbeing of one another. No one should feel unsafe in their own home.</li> </ol>

	<p>3. The Bible condemns the misuse of power to control or exploit others, and rejects all abuse, whether physical, verbal, or otherwise expressed from one person towards others. Therefore domestic violence is sin, and Scripture should never be twisted to justify or excuse any abuse.</p> <p>4. No victim of domestic abuse should ever be pressured to forgive, submit to, or restore a relationship with an offender.</p> <p>5. Our churches are committed to being safe places for all people, especially children and vulnerable adults, and we will therefore work to protect those experiencing domestic abuse as a first priority.</p> <p>6. We grieve with victims and survivors of domestic abuse, and pray for their healing and recovery. We give thanks for those women and men, clergy and lay people, who have faithfully supported, cared for and protected such victims in our churches and communities.</p> <p>7. However, we also confess with deep shame that domestic abuse has occurred among those who attend our churches, and even among some in leadership. We apologise for those times our teaching and pastoral care has failed adequately to support victims and call perpetrators to account.</p> <p>8. We urge Anglican dioceses around Australia to ensure they have policies and good practice guidelines in place, along with education and training, for responding well to situations involving domestic violence within our parishes and organisations.</p> <p>9. We call on all institutions preparing people for ordained or lay ministry in the Anglican Church of Australia to review curriculum and content to ensure that material which may give rise to unhealthy views about power or the marginalisation of women, are addressed.</p> <p>10. We also acknowledge our responsibility to work with the police, statutory child protection authorities and specialist agencies in responding to domestic abuse, including our legal obligations in reporting abuse. This should include consideration of growing the practical trauma programmes and advocacy undertaken by our Anglicare Australia agencies in this growing area of community need.</p> <p>11. Finally, this Synod again upholds Faithfulness in Service as our national code of conduct for clergy and church workers, specifically its affirmations that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abuse of power is at the heart of many relationship problems in the Church and the community. In essence, abuse is one person's misuse of power over another. Sometimes abuse will be a one off event and at other times it will be a pattern of behaviour. (§6.2)</li> <li>• It is important for clergy and church workers to be good citizens and obey the laws of the community, except where those laws conflict with Christian convictions. (§6.4)</li> <li>• You are not to abuse your spouse, children or other members of your family. (§6.6)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">7 September 2017</p>
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R50/17	<p><b>Domestic Violence Longitudinal Study</b></p> <p>The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, Bishop Genieve Blackwell seconding,</p> <p>That this General Synod requests the General Synod Standing Committee to investigate and if appropriate commission (using contingencies or other available sources of funding) a professionally designed and independent research study into the nature and prevalence of family violence prevalence within the Australian Anglican Church population. The General Synod Standing Committee could also explore the feasibility and practicality of inviting other denominations to consider participation in any such independent research.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7 September 2017</p>
R54/17	<p><b>The Global Goals for Sustainable Development</b></p> <p>Bishop Sarah Macneil moving, Bishop Chris Jones seconding</p> <p>That, celebrating the success of the Millennium Development Goals and noting that the number of people living in extreme poverty has more than halved since 1990, the General Synod:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) welcomes the new Global Goals for Sustainable Development which aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and pursue the common good;</li> <li>b) encourages theological engagement with the goals, and missional commitment to their achievement;</li> <li>c) commends the work of Anglicare Australia, the Anglican Board of Mission, Anglican Overseas Aid, Anglican Aid and other Anglican organisations in striving to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals;</li> <li>d) renews our call for a fair share of Australia's national budget (0.7% of Gross National Income) to be dedicated to Overseas Development Assistance that aims to reduce poverty; and</li> <li>e) encourages each diocese, through its synod, to consider 0.7% of gross diocesan income, or some other meaningful proportion, to projects supporting the Sustainable Development Goals.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">7 September 2017</p>

R60/17	<p><b>Refugees on Manus Island and Nauru</b></p> <p>The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moving, The Rev'd Gillian Moses seconding,</p> <p>That this General Synod, in the divine providence and as a matter of human decency, recognising the exceptional circumstances, urges the Federal Government to resettle in Australia, by Christmas 2017, any refugees and asylum seekers still held on Manus Island and detained on Nauru as at 1 October 2017.</p> <p>That this General Synod urges the Federal Government to partner with the Churches as regards the healing and resettling of these refugees and asylum seekers.</p>
R61/17	<p><b>Refugees from Syria and Iraq</b></p> <p>The Very Rev'd Peter Catt moving, The Rev'd Gillian Moses seconding,</p> <p>That this General Synod, recognising the exceptional circumstances, urges our Federal Government, as soon as possible, to make another allocation of 12,000 additional refugee places for people, especially Christians and other minorities, displaced by the ongoing conflict in Syria and Iraq.</p> <p>That, relatedly, this General Synod urges the Federal Government to increase funding to assist their integration into Australian society, including the provision of assistance and training to obtain employment opportunities.</p> <p>That this General Synod, from the experience of its members, affirms the life-saving consequences of the earlier extra 12000 places, particular for Christians and other minorities who had been targeted by ISIS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 September 2017</p>

**Action to contribute to the Paris Climate Accord**

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The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt moving, Dr Beth Heyde seconding,

Noting:

- the global groundswell of community and industry support for effective and rapid action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the very challenging goal expressed in the 2015 Paris Climate Accord (to limit warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels);
- the critical importance of community action, both in achieving that goal and in leading governments to act;
- the Anglican Communion's fifth mark of mission: 'to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth', and
- General Synod's Protection of the Environment Canon 2007 which required meaningful action and reporting by participating Dioceses on steps taken to reduce their environmental impact;

The General Synod

1. encourages Federal and State governments in Australia to act quickly to resolve perceived conflicts of interest between the wider community and commercial beneficiaries of fossil fuels, and show leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions through effective market mechanisms based on consistent expert recommendations.
2. requests each Diocese that has adopted the Protection of the Environment Canon 2007 to report to the Standing Committee of General Synod in 2018, and to the next meeting of General Synod, on progress in reducing their environmental impact (as required by s.3(1)), with particular emphasis on energy efficiency in order to minimise contributions to global warming.
3. encourages Dioceses to make use of standardised instruments such as the Parish Quick Carbon Self-Report instrument (available through the Public Affairs Commission) in order to develop an internal reporting mechanism.
4. encourages Dioceses to report to the Standing Committee of General Synod in 2018, and to the next meeting of General Synod, on progress made towards divestment from fossil fuels or other measures to improve the ecological sustainability of Diocesan investments portfolios, as encouraged by motion 61/14 of General Synod.
5. encourages Dioceses to engage in teaching and preaching on the theology of the environment.
6. encourages Dioceses to consider the work of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) towards spiritually-inspired stewardship in reducing greenhouse gas emissions: and to encourage participation in the work of this multi-faith network and consideration also of secular networks with similar aims to reduce global greenhouse emissions.

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R63/17	<p><b>Assisted Dying</b></p> <p>Dr Denise Cooper-Clarke moving, Dr Karin Sowada seconding,</p> <p>General Synod, recognising the continued push for laws concerning ‘assisted dying’ in a number of Australian States –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) notes Synod Resolution 81/10, affirming the sanctity of life; that life is God’s gift and that our task is to protect, nurture and sustain life to the best of our ability;</li> <li>b) notes that in 1995, Synod expressed its opposition to euthanasia in response to legislation passed by the Northern Territory Parliament;</li> <li>c) opposes the legalisation of assisted dying;</li> <li>d) urges all Australian State and Territory governments to better resource palliative care services, including in regional and remote communities, Aboriginal communities and nursing homes, and to provide better training in palliative care for all health professionals; and</li> <li>e) recognising the vital contribution made by people of faith to public debate, urges Australian Anglicans to contact their MP’s to express their views, particularly in NSW and Victoria where legislation will be debated this year.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">8 September 2017</p>
R65/17	<p><b>Rohingya Muslim People</b></p> <p>Bishop Philip Huggins moving, The Very Rev’d Peter Catt</p> <p>That this General Synod noting with sadness today’s reports about the suffering of the Rohingya Muslim people, prayerfully urges our government’s further diplomatic initiative and provision of humanitarian assistance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 September 2017</p>

**SAFE MINISTRY**

R20/17

**Professional Standards Commission Report**



Bishop Greg Anderson moved, Ms Dianne Shay seconding

The General Synod:

- (a) receives the report of the Professional Standards Commission;
- (b) recommends that each diocese:
  - (i) publish a list of appropriately qualified people as professional supervisors for those in pastoral ministry and promote the use of their services;
  - (ii) include a component for professional supervision in recommended financial packages for those in pastoral ministry;
- (c) requests the Standing Committee to explore with the dioceses the development of a nationally consistent approach to professional standards legislation with particular reference to its application to child abuse;
- (d) requests the Safe Ministry Commission:
  - (i) to measure and review the Church's progress towards being a child safe institution in the light of the elements identified in the report of the Royal Commission Creating Child Safe Institutions issued in July 2016;
  - (ii) to analyse the final report of the Royal Commission and make recommendations as to actions to be taken;
  - (iii) to develop an audio visual resource for use in dioceses that provides information to ministers, churchwardens and parish councils about the implementation of the Policy for Safe Ministry in a parish where there is a risk of sexual abuse by a Person of Concern and the issues raised by the participation of a Person of Concern in the life of a parish;
  - (iv) to develop a resource for use in dioceses for providing care for families who have experienced premature death of a family member due to child sexual abuse;
  - (v) to identify and recommend resources for use in dioceses for responding to family and domestic violence;
  - (vi) to report to the 18th General Synod as to the progress of the Church in the development and implementation of safe ministry policies and structures.

4 September 2017



R21/17	<p><b>Safer Ministry</b></p> <p>Ms Dianne Shay moved, Bishop Greg Anderson seconded</p> <p>That the General Synod:</p> <p>(a) welcomes resolutions 16.25, 16.26, 16.27 and 16.28 passed by the Anglican Consultative Council in April 2016 (ACC-16) and requests the General Secretary to convey this resolution to the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion and the Archbishop of Canterbury;</p> <p>(b) commends the National Council of Churches in Australia for organising the <i>Safe as Churches? 7</i> and <i>the Safe as Churches? 8</i> conferences on sexual misconduct and abuse in the Australian churches, and supports ongoing joint action by member churches and other participating Australian churches to promote the welfare and safety of all people within their communities. The General Synod requests the General Secretary to convey this resolution to the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia;</p> <p>(c) recommends that the Commonwealth Government promote a national system for child protection, and that State and Territory governments as a matter of urgency enact legislation for a national system for child protection that provides for:</p> <p>(i) the mandatory reporting of child abuse by persons including ministers of religion to the police and the government child protection authorities;</p> <p>(ii) the screening of all persons seeking to work with children in a paid or voluntary capacity;</p> <p>(iii) the mutual recognition of clearances for persons to work with children in all States and Territories; and</p> <p>(d) requests that the General Secretary forward the terms of this resolution to the Prime Minister, the Premier or Chief Minister of each State and Territory and the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse forthwith.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R43/17  *	<p><b>Safe Ministry Implementation</b></p> <p>Bishop Stephen Hale moving, Bishop Genieve Blackwell seconding</p> <p>1. That this Synod gives thanks for the unity of intent expressed by the unanimous resolution of this Canon.</p> <p>2. That each Diocesan Bishop with the support of their Synod team commits to strive for the adoption of this Canon at the first Diocesan Synod after this General Synod with the hope that all 23 Dioceses will adopt the Canon.</p> <p>3. That the General Synod embraces a Networking approach to the free exchange of resources and the drawing upon centres of excellence in safe ministry practice to enable the full implementation of the Canon by large and small Dioceses working together.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6 September 2017</p>

R45/17	<p><b>Working with Children Check Systems</b></p> <p>Mr Doug Marr moving, Mr Lachlan Bryant seconding</p> <p>General Synod calls upon the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments to develop an age appropriate Working with Children Check system or suitable alternative for those persons aged under 18 who work with children.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6 September 2017</p>
R64/17	<p><b>Faithfulness in Service and National Consistency regarding professional standards</b></p> <p>Canon Sandy Grant moving, The Very Rev'd Kanishka Raffel seconding</p> <p>Synod notes repeated concern expressed for children and vulnerable persons other than children in our churches and organisations, and the need to protect both children and adults from abuse. Synod also notes the desirability of a nationally consistent approach to professional standards wherever possible.</p> <p>Therefore Synod requests the General Synod Standing Committee (GSSC) to report to the next session of General Synod on the status of Faithfulness in Service (in the current form approved by GSSC) as our national code of conduct in the various dioceses, specifically:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which dioceses have adopted the Faithfulness in Service without amendment as their code of conduct?</li> <li>2. Which dioceses have adopted Faithfulness in Service with amendment as their code of conduct?</li> <li>3. Which dioceses have used Faithfulness in Service, with or without amendment, in some manner other than as a code of conduct?</li> <li>4. Which dioceses have a code of conduct other than Faithfulness in Service (with or without amendments)?</li> </ol> <p>Synod also requests GSSC, in consultation with the Professional Standards Commission, to report to the next session of General Synod on preferred options for effectively ensuring that professional standards regarding the care and protection of adults, especially the vulnerable in our midst, are nationally consistent to the greatest extent possible.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 September 2017</p>

R66/17	<p><b>Recognition and thanks for Child Protection Work</b></p> <p>Mr Daniel Aspinall moving, The Hon Richard Refshauge seconding</p> <p>That this General Synod recognises:</p> <p>a. The unprecedented level of support in this session for consistent national standards and approaches with respect to child protection, episcopal standards and redress for abuse survivors measures;</p> <p>b. that this reflects the huge investment of time, energy and expertise by key leaders over many years especially in the extensive consultation and collaboration that took place preceding this session; and</p> <p>that this General Synod, therefore, records and expresses its sincere thanks and deep appreciation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Garth Blake SC and the members of the Professional Standards Commission;</li> <li>- The Honourable Justice Debra Mullins and the members of the Church Law Commission and Episcopal Standards Task Force; and</li> <li>- Mr Michael Shand QC;</li> </ul> <p>for their unstinting and tireless efforts to prepare legislation and garner support to ensure the protection of children and the accountability of clergy and church workers in this Church.</p> <p>The motion was carried with acclamation and a standing ovation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 September 2017</p>
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R67/17

**The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse**

Mr Garth Blake moving, Archbishop Philip Freier seconding

- (a) gives thanks to God for the work of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse;
- (b) acknowledges the significant contribution of the Royal Commission in revealing the extent of child sexual abuse in institutional contexts, identifying appropriate redress to survivors, and recommending strategies to create child safe institutions;
- (c) expresses its sincere gratitude for the engagement of the Royal Commission with this Church, particularly through the attendance of the Chair, the Hon Peter McClellan AM at National Bishops Meetings, and the address of Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM at this General Synod;
- (d) prays for the Royal Commission as it completes its work, and that its lasting legacy will be an Australia in which children are safe, including in this Church.

Immediately following carriage of the motion, the Chair of the Royal Commission Working Group led the General Synod in prayer for the Royal Commission:

God of Truth,

We pray for the work of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Give courage and healing to those who tell their stories of suffering.

Give compassion to the Commissioners as they listen

Give them the insight to pose questions

And wisdom to weigh testimony.

Bring your Church to true repentance

As we face our sins and failures.

In the midst of anger, grief and despair

Give us grace to shape a future

Where children and other vulnerable people

Will be safe to flourish in body, mind and spirit.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

8 September 2017

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

R25/17

**Equal Representation of Women**

The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, Ms Audrey Mills seconding

The General Synod -

1. Notes with disappointment that the resolution of the 2007 fourteenth Session of General Synod in regard to the equal representation of Women on General Synod Bodies (GS85/07) has not been effectively implemented, with equal representation of women on only three of the General Synod's current 27 Bodies.
2. Requests the next General Synod Standing Committee to
  - a) Re-commit to the principle of equal representation of women in membership of its bodies and to ensure that this goal is met the Standing Committee agree to a target that all General Synod bodies (General Synod commissions, task forces and working groups) have 50% equal representation of women in their membership by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 wherever legislatively and practically possible.
  - b) Apply the principle of equal representation of women in membership of organisations where Standing Committee make appointments to other bodies wherever this is legislatively and practically possible.
  - c) Review annually the progress of this target.
3. Encourages each diocese to adopt the target of 50% equal representation of women in elections and appointments wherever legislatively and practically possible and to report back to the next General Synod.
4. Requests Standing Committee to report progress on this matter to the 18th Session of General Synod.

4 September 2017

R36/17

**Church Law Commission Membership**

The Hon Richard Refshauge moving, Bishop John Parkes seconding

That having regard to:

- (a) The history of clergy membership on the Church Law Commission;
- (b) The fact that Church Law matters can affect the clergy in a way different to the way it affects the laity;
- (c) The desirability of theological considerations being taken into account and informing Church Law,

the Primate, when appointing members to the Church Law Commission on the advice of the Standing Committee under section 14 of the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Canon 1998, give active consideration to the appointment of at least one member of the Clergy to the Church Law Commission.

5 September 2017

R39/17	<p><b>Report Content Policy</b></p> <p>The Rev'd Gavin Poole moving, The Rev'd Paul Hunt seconding</p> <p>Synod requests Standing Committee to consider writing a policy that requires minimum mandatory information to be included in reports to Synod from commissions, task forces and working groups. Such information should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Expenses incurred compared to budget and reasons for variation;</li> <li>(b) Frequency and attendance at meetings;</li> <li>(c) Membership changes; and</li> <li>(d) Synod resolutions addressed by the group.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">5 September 2017</p>
R47/17  *	<p><b>Viability and Structures Steering Group Report to General Synod</b></p> <p>Bishop Andrew Curnow AM moving, Bishop John Stead seconding</p> <p>The General Synod</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Recognises that all growth will come through faithful, action trusting in God's enlivening work;</li> <li>2) Notes that the precise structural changes needed to fit the Anglican Church in Australia for the future are not yet known;</li> <li>3) Notes the importance of children in the ministry of the Lord Jesus and requests each Diocese to construct a holistic ministry and mission plan for children and young people in conjunction with other Dioceses in their Province.</li> <li>4) Requests Standing Committee to report to General Synod possible concrete structural changes that will aid the provision of ministry and the extension of mission across Australia noting particularly the role and requirements of Pioneer Ministry and theological formation for lay and ordained ministry;</li> <li>5) Receives the report of the Viability and Structures Steering Group and endorses the recommendations contained in the report as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to help ensure we develop the visionary church leaders required by the future, Bishops (and, ideally, next generation Bishops) should be intentionally equipped and enabled through the establishment of a holistic continuing leadership development program.</li> <li>• to improve the quality and consistency of knowledge and best practices across the Church, the apparatus should be established to facilitate collaboration, including the sharing and communication of ideas, resources and information.</li> <li>• to enhance the missional effectiveness of the Church, each Diocese is requested to develop a Mission Action Plan, including timelines and resource requirements for implementation, and report back to the Standing Committee.</li> <li>• because it is essential that necessary future change is constructively considered on a timely basis, the Bishops are asked to implement a process – to be endorsed at the first national Bishops' meeting following General Synod – through which, on a regular basis, they would collectively assess any need for significant change and seek to agree how to effect the necessary change.</li> <li>• to help ensure the implementation of the recommendations above,</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<p>the Standing Committee should seek, receive, review and approve sensible resource and funding applications for each of these recommendations.</p> <p>6) Asks the Standing Committee and the House of Bishops to review and facilitate the progress of implementation of these recommendations and present proposals, with actionable plans, to a meeting of Standing Committee in 2018.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6 September 2017</p>
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<b>SYNOD PROCESSES</b>	
R01/17	<p><b>Clerical Secretary and Lay Secretary of Synod</b></p> <p>That the Rev'd Canon Katherine Bowyer be elected as Clerical Secretary of Synod. That Mr Timothy Reid be elected as Lay Secretary of Synod.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R02/17	<p><b>A Chair and Deputy Chairs of Committees</b></p> <p>That Dr Ian Gibson be elected as Chair of Committees. That Ms Audrey Mills be elected as a Deputy Chair of Committees. That Ms Rachel Ellyard be elected as a Deputy Chair of Committees.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R03/17	<p><b>A Committee of Elections and Qualifications</b></p> <p>That the following members be appointed to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishop Trevor Edwards</li> <li>• Mr Michael Meek SC</li> <li>• Justice Debra Mullins</li> <li>• Bishop John Parkes AM</li> <li>• Ms Emma Riggs</li> <li>• Ms Carolyn Tan.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R04/17	<p><b>Three Members of a Committee to arrange the Order of Business</b></p> <p>That the following additional persons be elected to the Committee to arrange the Order of Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishop Andrew Curnow AM</li> <li>• Archdeacon Arthur Copeman</li> <li>• Mr Allan Perryman.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R05/17	<p><b>Minutes Reading Committee</b></p> <p>That a Minutes Reading Committee of six members be appointed to read and certify as a correct record the Minutes of this Session of Synod for confirmation by Synod, and the following be members of the Committee, any two of whom are to certify the minutes for a particular day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Clive Ellis (Convenor)</li> <li>• Bishop Bradly Billings</li> <li>• Ms Beverly Birch</li> <li>• The Rev'd Dane Courtney</li> <li>• Dr Timothy Nicholson</li> <li>• Bishop Sarah Macneil.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>



R06/17	<p><b>Nominations for Elections Under Rule III</b></p> <p>a) That nominations for election to the Appellate Tribunal and Standing Committee close at 9.00 pm on Monday 4 September 2017.</p> <p>b) That nominations for all other elections under Rule III close at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 5 September 2017.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R07/17	<p><b>Hours of Sitting and Synod Program</b></p> <p>That the hours of sitting for this session of General Synod be those set out in the Synod Program in Book 2 of the General Synod papers titled <i>Standing Committee Report to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod</i>.</p> <p>That so much of Standing Orders as may be necessary be suspended to permit the program as set out in Book 2 titled <i>Standing Committee Report to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod</i> to be implemented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R08/17	<p><b>General Synod Conference Sessions</b></p> <p>That General Synod be adjourned and that conference sessions be conducted at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm on Monday 4 September 2017</li> <li>• 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Tuesday 5 September 2017</li> <li>• 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Wednesday 6 September 2017.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R09/17	<p><b>Guests of General Synod</b></p> <p>1) That the representatives of the member churches of the ecumenical body 'Queensland Churches Together' be welcomed and granted permission to speak if called upon by the President.</p> <p>2) That the following persons, not being members of this General Synod, be granted permission to speak if called upon by the President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishop Ian Lambert, Bishop to the Defence Force</li> <li>• Bishop Jeffrey Driver, Chair, Doctrine Commission</li> <li>• The Rev'd John Deane, Director, Anglican Board of Missions-Australia Ltd</li> <li>• Dr Martin Sutherland, Dean and CEO, The Australian College of Theology Pty Ltd</li> <li>• The Rev'd Peter Laurence OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Anglican Schools Australia</li> <li>• The Rev'd Michael Hughes, General Secretary, The Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.</li> <li>• Bishop John Harrower, Bishop Assisting the Primate.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>

R10/17	<p><b>Media Arrangements</b></p> <p>That in order to provide appropriate controls and to prevent interference with the Business of the Synod the following media arrangements will pertain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Television and filming on the floor of Synod only take place during the first fifteen minutes of each day of sitting, following Prayers, or at other specific times declared by the President.</li> <li>2) At other times during the Synod accredited media representatives shall be permitted in the Synod only in a designated area.</li> <li>3) Television cameras may film from a designated space during the sessions of Synod, but not during any period declared by the President at his discretion.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R11/17	<p><b>Report on Financial Matters</b></p> <p>That leave be granted for Mr Allan Perryman, General Synod Treasurer, as mover of motions 16.3.1 to 16.3.5, and Ms Marianne Yacoel, General Synod Finance and Operations Manager, to make a presentation for 20 minutes to introduce motions on finance matters.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R12/17	<p><b>Report on the Viability and Structures Steering Group</b></p> <p>That leave be granted for Bishop Andrew Curnow, as mover of motion 16.4, to make a presentation on the recommendations contained in the Report of the Viability and Structures Steering Group for 15 minutes in connection with the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R13/17	<p><b>Bible Study and Small Groups Discussion Program</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That Bible study and small group discussions be held following morning worship each day.</li> <li>2) That the study groups be comprised with facilitators as published on the GS17 members portal and posted in the Wandiny Room.</li> <li>3) That leave be granted to Archdeacon Arthur Copeman to provide an introduction to the bible study and small group discussion program at 12.20 pm before the lunch break on Monday 4 September 2017.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>

R14/17	<p><b>Ordering of Business on the Advice of the Provisional Business Committee</b></p> <p>That consideration of—</p> <p><b>Finance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Motions 16.3.1 to 16.3.3 and the consideration in principle of motions 16.3.4 and 16.3.5 be made on Order of the Day for 11.00 am on Tuesday 5 September 2017.</li> <li>2) Motions 16.3.4 and 16.3.5 be made an Order of the Day for 9.30 am on Thursday 7 September 2017.</li> </ol> <p><b>Appellate Tribunal Qualifications of Membership</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) Motion 17.1 be an order of the day for 12 noon on Monday 4 September 2017</li> </ol> <p><b>Safe Ministry to Children</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4) Motions 17.15 to 17.19 be an Order of the Day for 3.30 pm on Monday 4 September 2017</li> </ol> <p><b>Episcopal Standards</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5) Motions 17.20 to 17.22 be an Order of the Day for 3.30 pm on Tuesday 5 September 2017</li> </ol> <p><b>Redress for Survivors of Abuse</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) Motion 16.22 be an order of the day for 9.30 am on Wednesday 6 September 2017 and, if leave be granted for the introduction of a Bill for the Redress for Survivors of Abuse Canon 2017, that the bill be considered forthwith.</li> </ol> <p><b>Mission and Ministry</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7) Motions 16.11 to 16.13 be an Order of the Day for 7.30pm on Wednesday 6 September 2017.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R15/17	<p><b>Authentication of Canons</b></p> <p>That, pursuant to sections 24 and 25(1) of the Constitution, the Canons passed at this Session of the General Synod shall be authenticated by use of the official seal of the General Synod.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R16/17	<p><b>Reading and Confirmation of Minutes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That the minutes of the first, second and third days of meeting of this Session of the Synod be read and confirmed on the resumption of business after the afternoon tea adjournment on the day following the relevant day of meeting;</li> <li>2) That the minutes of the second-last day of meeting of this Session of the Synod be read and confirmed on the resumption of business after the morning tea adjournment on the final day of meeting;</li> <li>3) That the minutes of the final day of meeting be read and confirmed at the first full meeting of the Standing Committee following this Session of the General Synod.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>

R17/17	<p><b>Elections under Rule III</b></p> <p>That voting will take place in the voting room in Mudjimba 1, adjacent to the entry foyer of the Novotel Twin Waters Resort, between 10.30 am and 6.00 pm on Wednesday 6 September 2017.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R18/17	<p><b>Amendment of Rule I - Formal Motions</b> <b>Amendment of Rule II - Electronic Voting</b></p> <p>That motions 18.1 and 18.4 relating to the amendment of Rule I be dealt with forthwith.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R19/17	<p><b>Amendment of Rule III – Elections</b></p> <p>Ms Anne Hywood moved, the Ven Arthur Copeman seconding</p> <p>That motion 18.2 relating to amendment of Rule III be dealt with forthwith.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 September 2017</p>
R38/17	<p><b>Recommittal of Motion</b></p> <p>Bishop Garry Weatherill moving, The Rev'd Scott Lowrey seconding</p> <p>That Motion 16.10 be recommitted so that the Church might also be challenged to respond to this challenge.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 September 2017</p>
R41/17	<p><b>Ordering of Business</b></p> <p>With leave, The Ven Arthur Copeman moving, The Rev'd Canon Katherine Bowyer seconding</p> <p>That the Presentation on the Viability and Structures Report be made an Order of the Day for 1.30pm on Wednesday 6th September 2017.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 September 2017</p>