

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SYNOD HELD AT THE CHEVALIER CENTRE, KENSINGTON. ON SUNDAY 18 & 19 NOVEMBER 2005

The Standing Committee met at 10.00am on Friday 18 November 2005 at The Chevalier Resource Centre, 1 Roma Avenue, Kensington, New South Wales.

PRESENT: Archbishop P Aspinall (Metropolitan of Queensland & Primate)
Archbishop J Driver (Metropolitan of South Australia)
Archbishop R A Herft (Metropolitan of WA)
Archbishop P F Jensen (Metropolitan of NSW)
The Reverend Canon B McAteer (General Secretary)
The Honourable Justice D J Bleby (Chair of Committees)
The Reverend C J Moroney (Clerical Secretary)
Mrs A Skamp (Lay Secretary)
Bishop J Harrower
Bishop J Noble
The Reverend Canon Dr R Cleary
Bishop R Forsyth
Bishop S Hale
Archdeacon J Holland
Archdeacon S Macneil
Dean D Richardson
The Ven Dr C Thomson
Mr G Blake, SC
Mr R Fordham
Ms A Hywood
Ms A Mills
Dr M L Porter
Miss M Rodgers
Mr I Walker
The Honourable Mr Justice P Young

In Attendance:

Mr J McKenzie	Honorary Treasurer (on 19 November only)
Dr V Harvey	Business Manager
Ms S C M Murphy	General Synod Office

1 OPENING

The meeting was opened at 10.00am with prayer by the Primate, Archbishop Phillip Aspinall.

2. WELCOME

The Primate welcomed the following new members of General Synod Standing Committee to the meeting:

Archbishop of Adelaide, The Most Reverend Jeffrey Driver
The Ven Dr Cathy Thomson

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for the entire meeting from:

Archbishop P Watson
Bishop A Curnow
Dean Graeme Lawrence
Mr Brian Norris

Apologies were also received for part of the meeting from:

Mr John McKenzie, Hon Treasurer for Friday
Archdeacon Sarah Macneil for Saturday afternoon.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA & TIMETABLE

With regard to the Agenda, the need for a section for elections was queried. It was agreed that this could be added at the end if needed.

The Agenda and Supplementary Agenda were confirmed.

Moved Stephen Hale, seconded Chris Moroney and **RESOLVED**

That the Task Force on Mission Implementation Report 05-11-17-02 be made an order for the day on Saturday, Session VII at 11.20am.

SC2005/3/001

Moved Bruce McAteer, seconded by The Primate and **RESOLVED**

That the Chairman will call the motions on this Agenda and any motion, other than a motion concerning an election, may be taken formally unless a person other than the mover calls out "object".

SC2005/3/002

Noting that some members had only received their Agenda papers within the last 48 hours, Muriel Porter moved, Ann Skamp seconding, and **RESOLVED**

That the call over of motions take place after lunch on Friday.

SC2005/3/003

Moved Bruce McAteer, seconded the Primate and **RESOLVED**

Business on the Supplementary Agenda will be deferred until the conclusion of the business on this Agenda, when-

(a) *the Chairman will call the motions on the Supplementary Agenda and any motion, other than a motion concerning an election, may be taken formally unless a person other than the mover calls out*

- "object"; and*
 (b) *the remaining business will be dealt with in the set order of business.*

SC2005/3/004

5. DIOCESAN INFORMATION

5.01 Retirements

- The Most Revd Peter Watson, Archbishop of Melbourne will retire on 31 December 2005.
- Bishop Richard Appleby, will finish as Bishop of the Northern Region of Brisbane on 5 February 2006 and will become Bishop Assisting the Primate.

5.02 Appointments

- The Revd Canon Douglas Stevens, Rector of Tweed Heads in the Diocese of Grafton is to be consecrated and installed as Bishop of Riverina on 29 November 2005.
- The Venerable Jonathan Holland has been appointed as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Brisbane and is to be consecrated on 2 February 2006.
- The Revd Canon Dr Ray Cleary has been elected as Chair of Anglicare Australia from 1 November 2005.

6. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PRIMATE

The Primate reported on the following matters:

- Communique from Primates Meeting Feb 2005
- Industrial relations reform – a delegation to Canberra led by The Primate, was briefed on proposed changes. Meetings held with Minister Kevin Andrews, Chamber of Commerce & Industry CEO Peter Hendy; Shadow Minister Stephen Smith, Kim Beazley, Wayne Swan & Jenny Macklin also ACTU President Sharran Burrow. The Primate also met with the Prime Minister and Governor General. After introduction of the Bill to Parliament on 2 Nov. a joint statement signed by the metropolitans and 20 other bishops was released and sent to the PM. Subsequently the Primate and Archbishop Jeff Driver met with the PM and Minister Andrews.
- Overseas Development Aid – advised that since writing to the Prime Minister about this, he has announced a doubling of Aid at a subsequent meeting. Progress is being made, but the Millenium Goal has not yet been reached.
- NHMF – meeting with Bishop Clyde Wood, Chair of NHMF who advised that NHMF has traditionally provided seeding funds for capital projects in northern and remote areas. Increasing requests for funds coming from many other rural dioceses, and that these outstrip funds available. The Primate has asked Clyde Wood to produce a report for consideration by the next Standing Committee and Bishops' Meeting.
- Professional Standards & Child Protection - Progress in adoption of uniform measures around the National Church is slower than anticipated – important to identify blocks or concerns to a common approach.
- Affiliated Churches Ordinance, Diocese of Sydney – several issues have been raised with the Primate in relation to this ordinance. Noted that it will be dealt with elsewhere on the agenda in response to items of correspondence received.
- Installation of Archbishop of York - will be visiting England in the following week to attend the installation of the Archbishop of York and to meet with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 7.01 Moved by Roger Herft, seconded by Robert Forsyth and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of Standing Committee held 10 and 11 July 2005 [2005-079] be signed as a correct record of the meeting.
SC2005/3/005
- 7.02 Moved The Primate and **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Standing Committee Executive meeting held on 4 October 2005 be noted.
SC2005/3/006

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

8.01 Standing Committee

There was no business arising from the Standing Committee minutes of 10 & 11 July 2005 that was not already included on the agenda.

8.02 Executive Minutes (2005-157)

The following matters were raised in relation to the minutes of the Executive Meeting of 4 October 2005:

1. Robert Fordham gave notice that he would refer to the Anglican Church of Australia's contribution to the ACC in 7(13) when amendments to the Special Budget are considered. (SC Agenda item 05-11-19-02)
2. Muriel Ported noted that in 4, Matters raised by the Primate:

a group of Bishops met in September to consider ways of providing pastoral care for 'traditional' Anglicans and Bishop Fryar will be making a report to the Bishops

Moved Muriel Porter, seconded Ray Cleary and **RESOLVED**

That Standing Committee:

- a. *notes that the Bishops' Conference has asked a group led by Bishop Fryar to consider issues of pastoral care for traditional Anglicans;*
- b. *asks Bishop Fryar to make his group's report available to the next meeting of Standing Committee; and*
- c. *asks the Bishops to involve Standing Committee in any recommendations taken in response to the group's report that might have impact on the broader Australian Anglican community.*

SC2005/3/007

9 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence listed was tabled.

- 9.01 27 Oct. 2005: From Bishop Tom Frame
Re: publishing proposal - "Agendas for Anglicanism: Essays in Honour of Bruce Kaye"

Moved David Bleby, seconded John Harrower

That Standing Committee provide a loan of \$1,500 to the publishing project "Agendas for Anglicanism: Essays in Honour of Bruce Kaye" as requested by Bishop Tom Frame.

The publishing proposal was discussed and it was observed that there was only one female contributor to the project. Sarah Macneil advised that she had declined an invitation to contribute. It was noted that the chapter headings reflect Bruce Kaye's own research interests.

An amendment to the motion was put and accepted by the movers and it was **RESOLVED**:

That \$1,500 be provided to the publishing project "Agendas for Anglicanism: Essays in Honour of Bruce Kaye" from the General Synod Reserve Fund.

SC2005/3/008

9.02 12 Sep. 2005: From Roseann Whyte, Exec Assistant, AASN
Re: Proposal for National Educational Forum.

Moved Bruce McAteer, seconded Roger Herft:

That:

- a. *Standing Committee establishes an Educational Forum Group to support Anglican Education and to provide well informed, up to date and accurate information to The Primate and other church leaders so that the Anglican Church of Australia is able to take an active role in discussions with State and Federal Governments about funding for Anglican Schools and Education issues generally; and*
- b. *the membership of this Forum Group be appointed by The Primate in consultation with the Standing Committee and the Bishops' Meeting.*

Noted that this correspondence comes in response to resolution **SC2005/1/099** from March 2005 Standing Committee meeting. Discussion followed about the proposal and which bishops should be appointed to the educational forum group. The motion above was withdrawn and discussion adjourned for Stephen Hale and Robert Fordham to develop an amended form of words to be moved.

Moved Stephen Hale, seconded Robert Fordham and **RESOLVED**

That Standing Committee

- a. *notes the report entitled National Education Forum from AASN*
- b. *appoints an Interim Educational Forum to report back to General Synod Standing Committee on a proposed charter and terms of reference for an ongoing National Education Forum; and*
- c. *appoints Archbishop Peter Jensen, Bishops Brian Farran, Garry Weatherill, George Browning and Stephen Hale to the Interim Educational Forum.*

SC2005/3/009

9.03 5 Oct 2005 From Revd John Henderson NCCA and
14 Oct 2005 From The Primate
Re: Hosting of CCA Executive meeting in Australia 2006

A decision to provide \$1,500 to support the holding of a CCA Executive meeting in Australia in 2006 had been made by flying minute to members of the Executive in response to an urgent request the General Secretary of the NCCA.

The meeting was advised that the Churches of Christ and the Armenian Apostolic Church were not in a position to make an equal contribution to hosting this meeting. It was therefore proposed that the UCA and the Anglican Church share the cost of \$6,000 between them. Discussion followed and several alternative motions were tested.

Moved by the Primate in parts and **RESOLVED**:

That the Standing Committee

a. *endorse the decision of the executive to support the hosting of a meeting of the CCA Executive Committee in Australia in 2006 with a contribution of \$1,500 from the Special Fund;*

SC2005/3/010

b. *authorise the General Secretary to contribute up to an additional \$1,000 to assist in the hosting of the CCA Executive Committee*

SC2005/3/011

c. *respectfully suggests that the NCCA executive consider hosting the meeting in another city, other than Sydney, in Australia.*

FAILED

9.04 11 Nov. 2005: From Revd John Henderson, NCCA (email)
Re: Resolution of the NCCA Executive re: location of NCCA Office

Referred to the Ecumenical Relations Commission – see # 16.02

9.05 11 Nov. 2005: From The Primate to Anglican Observer at the UN
Re: Anglican Church of Australia delegates to 50th session of UNCSW

Received and noted that the Primate has appointed Mrs Anne Skamp and Ms Megan Morrison as delegates to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women subject to adequate funding being available.

9.06 14 Nov 2005: From Tony Evans, Perth Diocesan Secretary
Re: Resolution of Perth Diocesan Council concerning Sydney's "Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005"

9.07 18 Nov 2005: From Terence Corkin, General Secretary of the Uniting Church
Re: Resolution of the UCA Assembly Standing Committee concerning Sydney's "Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005"

For discussion and resolutions arising from these 2 items of correspondence, see 11.10.

Moved David Bleby, seconded Peter Young and **RESOLVED**

That the correspondence be received.

SC2005/3/012

10 ANGLICAN COMMUNION**10.01 Anglican Consultative Council**

(Ref: July SC Mins # 13.1 on pp 10 & 11)

Kay Goldsworthy presented the report of attendance at the 13th Anglican Consultative Council Meeting in Nottingham, England in June 2005 by Bishop John Noble, the Revd Kay Goldsworthy and Mr Robert Fordham.

Ecumenical

Moved John Noble, seconded Kay Goldsworthy and **RESOLVED**

That Standing Committee noting that Australia is one of the Provinces of the Anglican Communion which has not yet responded to the ARCIC document 'The Gift of Authority' requests that the Doctrine Commission, and all Dioceses respond to this document.

Standing Committee further requests that the Ecumenical Relations Commission collate these responses and report to Standing Committee before the end of 2006.

SC2005/3/013

Constitutional Review

Moved Robert Fordham, seconded Kay Goldsworthy and **RESOLVED**

That Standing Committee noting Resolution 4 of ACC-13 regarding Constitutional Change and the requirement that in order to be enacted it must be approved by two thirds of the Provinces of the Anglican Communion; requests the General Secretary to bring this matter to the next meeting of the Standing Committee for further consideration.

SC2005/3/014

IAWN – Women's Commission

Moved Cathy Thomson, seconded Peter Young, and **RESOLVED**

That Standing Committee appoints a working party consisting of the Reverend Kay Goldsworthy, Mrs Ann Skamp and the Venerable Dr Cathy Thomson to develop terms of reference for and to examine the financial feasibility of a Women's Commission to be presented to Standing Committee at its first meeting of 2006.

SC2005/3/015

Environment

Moved Kay Goldsworthy, seconded John Noble and **RESOLVED**

That Standing Committee noting resolution 32 of ACC-13, particularly part b which asks Provinces to take action regarding the environment and refers this motion to

- a. *The Ministry Commission*
- b. *The Liturgy Commission*
- c. *All Dioceses*

SC2005/3/016

Covenant for Communion in Mission (Resolution 27)

Moved Kay Goldsworthy, seconded Phillip Aspinall and **RESOLVED**

That Standing committee noting the Covenant for Communion in Mission statement drawn up by the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism in response to the Windsor report

- a. *Requests the delegates to ACC-13 to prepare a paper on this matter for the next meeting of Standing Committee for study and consideration regarding its application in the Anglican Church of Australia*
- b. *refers this resolution to the Task Force on Mission.*

SC2005/3/017

Moved by The Primate from the Chair and **RESOLVED**
That the report be received.

SC2005/3/018

10.02 **ACC Provincial Delegation to the 49th Session of the United Nations**

(Ref: July SC Mins # 13.4 on p 12)

In response to resolution SC2005/2/028 of the July meeting of Standing Committee Ann Skamp prepared a report outlining how the Anglican Church of Australia might implement Millenium Development Goal 3: "to promote gender equality and empower women".

Moved Ann Skamp, seconded Ray Cleary that:

That this Standing Committee

1. *will provide clear leadership to the Anglican Church of Australia by committing itself to achieving gender equality (as per the ACC resolution) in all areas of activity for which this Standing Committee is responsible; and*
2. *set up an Equality Task Group to enable Standing Committee to fulfil this commitment by*
 - a. *developing strategies of action to support the policy of gender equality, and*
 - b. *undertaking an annual monitoring process in the area of gender equality.*
 - c. *Investigating the establishment of a women's desk for this Province.*

Discussion followed and the movers agreed to delete the proposed clause c. from the motion. The following amendment was then moved by David Bleby, seconded Muriel Porter and **RESOLVED:**

That the word "achieving" be deleted from clause 1. and be replaced by the words "the goal of"

Members of the proposed Equality Task Group were nominated and added to the motion as a new section c. The amended motion was then put and **RESOLVED**

That this Standing Committee

- a. *will provide clear leadership to the Anglican Church of Australia by committing itself to the goal of gender equality (as per the ACC resolution) in all areas of activity for which this Standing Committee is responsible; and*
- b. *set up an Equality Task Group to enable Standing Committee to fulfil this commitment by:*
 - (i) *developing strategies of action to support the policy of gender equality, and*
 - (ii) *undertaking an annual monitoring process in the area of gender equality;*

further resolved that Audrey Mills, John Noble and Ann Skamp be appointed to form the Equality Task Group.

SC2005/3/019

10.03 **CCEA**
(Ref: July SC Mins # 13.3 on p 11)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That Standing Committee

- a. *receives this report;*
- b. *notes that Bishop Philip Huggins is retiring from the role of Liaison Bishop of the Anglican Church of Australia to the Council of Churches of East Asia and expresses its appreciation of his contribution to growth in understanding between the Anglican Church of Australia and other Churches of the Anglican Communion in East Asia;*
- c. *asks the Primate in consultation with the Standing Committee to appoint a new Liaison Bishop to CCEA; and*
- d. *notes that the next CCEA Bishops' meeting is to be held from 10 – 17 October 2006 in Rangoon, Myanmar.*

SC2005/3/020

The need to appoint a new Liaison bishop to CCEA was noted and it was agreed to add 'Elections' to the end of the Agenda.

Moved Roger Herft, seconded Stephen Hale and **RESOLVED BY ACCLAMATION**

That Standing Committee express its appreciation to Bishop Philip Huggins for his conduct of the role of CCEA Liaison Bishop.

SC2005/3/021

10.04 **Primates' Meeting – Issues arising**
(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 8(10) on p 8)

Bruce McAteer presented a copy of the report previously prepared for the Executive, drawing attention to the three alternative ways in which the Anglican Church of Australia could respond to matters referred to the Provinces from the Windsor Report.

Moved Cathy Thomson, seconded Ian Walker and **RESOLVED**

That consideration of matters the subject of the report be deferred to Saturday 19 November.

SC2005/3/022

Moved by The Primate from the Chair and **RESOLVED**

That Cathy Thomson and Jeffrey Driver prepare a paper for the next Standing Committee clearly identifying issues arising from the Primate's Meeting which need addressing within the Province of Australia

- a. *making particular reference to the proposed covenant; and*
- b. *suggesting responses to these issues.*

SC2005/3/023

It was suggested that a response from Robert Tong, Australian lay member of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Panel of Reference, be included with this paper, and also the response of the Global South by consultation with Archbishop Peter Jensen. Noted that Peter Jensen will not be present at the next Standing Committee meeting.

11 DIRECTION/GOVERNANCE & ORGANISATION**11.01 Proposal for a Full Time Primacy.**

(Ref: July SC Mins # 11D & F on pp 8 & 9,) Doc # 2005-173

Discussion of the Primacy Working Group report was made an order of the day for Friday 18 November at 3.50pm.

The report and draft resolutions were discussed and it was noted that the working group recommended a fixed term primacy with improved financial support rather than a detached primacy which would be divisive, expensive and constitutionally difficult.

Moved Muriel Porter, seconded Jeffrey Driver and **RESOLVED**

That the report of the Primacy Working Group be received.

SC2005/3/024

David Bleby advised that before the Church Law Commission is able to draft legislation to amend the Primate Canon, the Working Group needed to consider and make recommendations concerning the process for electing a Primate for a fixed term.

Moved David Bleby, seconded Muriel Porter and **RESOLVED**

That the Primacy Working Group be asked to consider the method and timing of the election of a Primate based on a maximum fixed term of 6 years with provision for re-election.

SC2005/3/025

Moved Muriel Porter, seconded Jeff Driver:

That an additional resource package be provided immediately to the Primate, to be funded up to \$100,000 per year from the Telstra Plan income, to offer additional secretarial, media/website, research/chaplaincy/theological advice assistance, the details to be approved by the Executive of Standing Committee after consultation with the Primate;

To assist in consideration of the means of funding a resource package, the General Secretary invited the Business Manager, Vern Harvey, to speak to the meeting about the Telstra Plan and its likely future as a source of funding. It was agreed to remove from the motion specific reference to the Telstra Plan as a source of funding and make provision only for the period leading up to the next General Synod which now reads:

That a resource package be provided immediately to the Primate, to be funded up to \$100,000 per year to offer additional secretarial, media/website, research/chaplaincy/theological advice assistance, the details to be approved by the Executive of Standing Committee after consultation with the Primate;

Amendment to the motion was moved by Peter Jensen, seconded Chris Moroney:

That a resource package be provided immediately to the Primate, to be funded by an additional amount of \$50,000 per year, to offer additional secretarial, media/website, research/chaplaincy /theological advice and assistance, the details to be approved by the Executive of Standing Committee after consultation with the Primate;

FAILED

11.01 Proposal for a Full-time Primacy cont ...

Amendment moved by David Richardson, seconded Stephen Hale and **RESOLVED**

That the words "for example" be inserted after the words "to offer" and before the words "additional secretarial, ..."

Moved Jeffrey Driver, seconded Muriel Porter, and **RESOLVED** the amended motion as follows:

That an additional resource package be provided immediately to the Primate, to be funded up to \$100,000 per year up to the next General Synod to offer for example additional secretarial, media/website, research/chaplaincy/theological advice assistance, the details to be approved by the Executive of Standing Committee after consultation with the Primate;

SC2005/3/026

The recommendations of report number 2005-154, at agenda item 05-11-12-02 were considered at this point in discussions as a recommendation impacted on recommendations of the Primacy Working Group.

Moved David Bleby, seconded Muriel Porter, and **RESOLVED**

That in any revision of the Primate Canon, provision be made for the appointment by the Primate of a Primate's chancellor to be available to advise the Primate during sessions of General Synod and at other times between sessions of General Synod, and that if the appointee is not a member of General Synod, he or she be authorised, at the expense of General Synod, to attend at all sessions of the General Synod with the right to speak at the invitation of the Primate but not to vote.

SC2005/3/027

Moved by Muriel Porter,

That in the light of these recommendations, the Working Group be invited to prepare a report for circulation around the dioceses with the draft legislation in preparation for General Synod 2007; and that the Working Group be invited to present the legislation and report to General Synod 2007.

Muriel Porter subsequently withdrew the motion, aware that more work was needed before a report could be prepared and circulated to dioceses.

11.02 Church Law Commission Report on Full Time Primacy

Doc # 2005-166

David Bleby moved, seconded Peter Young and **RESOLVED**

That the report of the Church Law Commission on legislative actions required to enable a full time or detached primacy be received.

SC2005/3/029

11.03 NARU Activities

Doc # 2005-167

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That the report be received.

SC2005/3/030

11.04 NARU Training & Development Services

(Ref: July SC Mins # 10.8 on p 7, SC2005/2/013) Doc # 2005-168

Bruce McAteer presented the report and in response to questions advised that enough dioceses had agreed to support the project whereby NARU will provide training and development services to the dioceses for it to proceed.

Moved Bruce McAteer, seconded Chris Moroney and **RESOLVED**

That the report be received.

SC2005/3/031**11.05 Resources In General Synod Office**

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 8(4) on p 7) Doc # 2005-169

Bruce McAteer presented his report advising the planned retirement of the Business Manager in June 2006 and moved the following resolution, seconded by John McKenzie:

- a. *That Standing Committee notes the intention of Dr Vern Harvey to retire on or about the 30th June 2006.*
- b. *That Standing Committee appoints two members to work with the General Secretary to appoint a new Business Manager.*
- c. *That Standing Committee authorises the Business Manager Appointment Committee to engage the services of a Human Resources Consultant to assist in the recruitment of a new Business Manager.*

Discussion followed. In response to a question regarding the cost of the recruitment process, Vern Harvey advised that he had allowed \$5,000 for this in the budget (see 05-11-19-01). The meeting agreed that this would be insufficient to enable a Human Resources Consultant to be engaged. With agreement of the movers the motion was amended.

Moved Bruce McAteer, seconded John McKenzie and **RESOLVED**

That Standing Committee

- a. *notes the intention of Dr Vern Harvey to retire on or about the 30th June 2006.*
- b. *appoints Bishops Andrew Curnow and Robert Forsyth to work with the General Secretary to appoint a new Business Manager.*
- c. *authorises the Business Manager Appointment Committee to engage the services of a Human Resources Consultant to assist in the recruitment of a new Business Manager; and*
- d. *authorises the administration budget be amended by the addition of \$10,000 to allow for necessary recruitment expenses.*

SC2005/3/032**11.06 General Secretary – Long Service Leave**

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 7(11) on p 5) Doc # 2005-170

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That Standing Committee:

- a. *notes the intention of the General Secretary to take Long Service Leave during 2006;*
- b. *appoints The Right Reverend Richard Appleby as Acting General Secretary during the absence of the General Secretary; and*
- c. *notes that the additional costs have been included in the amended 2006 Budget.*

SC2005/3/033

11.07 General Synod 2007

(Ref: July SC Mins # 10.2 on p 6 & Oct Exec Minds 8(5) p.7 – Doc # 2005-140)

Moved Sarah Macneil, seconded Bruce McAteer:

That Standing Committee accept the tender submitted by the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn to host the 14th session of General Synod from 20 – 26 October 2007.

Discussion followed about the details included in the tender. The cost estimates for holding two receptions were noted and there was general agreement that one reception only would be adequate. Doubts were also expressed about the practicality and cost of bussing Synod delegates and their guests to Goulburn for the Synod service. The movers of the motion agreed to accept an amendment asking the General secretary to investigate possible cost savings with the Canberra Planning Group.

The amended motion was then moved by Sarah Macneil, seconded Bruce McAteer, and **RESOLVED:**

That Standing Committee

- a. *accept the tender submitted by the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn to host the 14th session of General Synod from 20 – 26 October 2007; and*
- b. *asks the General Secretary to investigate possible cost savings with the Canberra Planning Group.*

SC2005/3/034**11.08 Indigenous Representation**

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 8(13) on p 9 p), Doc # 2005-171

Moved David Bleby, seconded Phillip Aspinall and **RESOLVED**

That the Standing Committee

- a. *endorses the principle of enhancing the role of the Indigenous Bishops in the election of the Primate and refers that question to the Primacy Working Group for consideration in making further recommendations concerning the election of the Primate;*
- b. *commends the comments of Archbishop Herft in his letter to the General Secretary of 28 July 2005 for consideration by the wider Church.*

SC2005/3/035**11.09 Administration of Long Service Leave Fund**

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 8(14) on p 9), Doc # 2005-172

Moved Bruce McAteer, seconded Chris Moroney and **RESOLVED**

That Standing Committee

- a. *agrees in principle that the future administration of the Long Service Leave Fund (LSLF) should be undertaken through the General Synod Office (GSO); and*
- b. *endorses the actions of the General Secretary in dialoguing with the LSLF to explore the future administration arrangements; and*
- c. *authorises the General Secretary to lodge a formal tender for the GSO to undertake this responsibility; and*
- d. *authorises the Executive Committee to assume responsibility for making a final decision on behalf of the Standing Committee and to enter into any necessary management agreement with the Board of the LSLF.*

SC2005/3/036

11.10 Diocese of Sydney - Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005

Refer correspondence received from the Perth Diocesan Council (9.06) and Rev Terence Corkin General Secretary of the Uniting Church in Australia (9.07)

There was extensive discussion about the potential impact and implications of the passing by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney of the Affiliated Churches Ordinance. Concerns were expressed about the impact of this on relations between the Anglican Church of Australia and other denominations, particularly the Uniting Church in Australia, as well as relations between dioceses within the Anglican Church of Australia. Doubts were expressed about the legality of the application of sections of the ordinance and therefore the possible need to have this clarified by the Appellate Tribunal was raised.

The Primate summarised the necessary outcome of discussion as being

- A. a resolution to address concerns raised by the Perth Diocesan Council and encapsulating the Standing Committee's response to the Diocese of Sydney, and
- B. a resolution to provide the text of a response to the Uniting Church in Australia

Moved Ian Walker, seconded Roger Herft and **RESOLVED**

That in the light of:

- a. *concerns formally expressed by Bishops of the Province of NSW to the Archbishop of Sydney, by the Diocese of Perth to this Standing Committee and informally expressed by others in the National Church to the Primate; and*
- b. *the contents of a letter to the General Secretary from the General Secretary of the UCA dated 18 November 2005*

this Standing Committee respectfully requests the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney:

- (i) *not to make any declaration under clause 4 of the Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005 before 30 June 2006;*
- (ii) *to appoint 3 diocesan representatives to liaise with 3 persons appointed by the Primate to discuss issues of concern to the National Church relating to the contents of the Ordinance and its potential operation with those persons to report to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney and to this Standing Committee; and*
- (iii) *to respond to this request at its meeting to be held in December 2005.*

In the light of any response from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney requests the Primate to consider the appropriateness of a reference to the Appellate Tribunal concerning the legality and/or validity of the Ordinance.

SC2005/3/037

Doubts continued to be expressed about inclusion of references to the Appellate Tribunal in the resolution as these could be perceived as a 'threat'. After further discussion Roger Herft asked that the resolution be withdrawn and re-committed after amendment by removal of the last paragraph.

Moved by The Primate from the Chair and **RESOLVED**

That the resolution SC2005/3/037 be rescinded.

SC2005/3/038

Ian Walker, Peter Jensen and Roger Herft were asked to form a huddle to work out a revised form of words for the resolution.

Moved Ian Walker, seconded Roger Herft, and **RESOLVED**,

That in the light of:

- A. *concerns formally expressed by Bishops of the Province of NSW to the Archbishop of Sydney, by the Diocese of Perth to this Standing Committee and informally expressed by others in the National Church to the Primate; and*
- B. *the contents of a letter to the General Secretary from the General Secretary of the UCA dated 18 November 2005 this Standing Committee respectfully requests the SC of the Diocese of Sydney:*
 - 1. *not to make any declaration under clause 4 of the Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005 before 30 June 2006;*
 - 2. *to appoint 3 diocesan representatives to liaise with 3 persons appointed by the Primate to discuss issues of concern to the National Church relating to the contents of the Ordinance and its potential operation with those persons to report to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney and to this Standing Committee; and*
 - 3. *to respond to this request at its meeting to be held in December 2005.*

SC2005/3/039

Archbishop Peter Jensen requested that his abstention be noted in the minutes.

That this Standing Committee:

- a. *Receives the correspondence from the General Secretary of the UCA dated 18 November 2005.*
- b. *Notes the concerns expressed by the UCA regarding the "Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005" of the Diocese of Sydney and comments reportedly made during debate on that measure, and requests that the General Secretary reply advising the Uniting Church in Australia:*
 - *that its concerns are taken most seriously by the Anglican Church of Australia; and*
 - *that the Ordinance is an exercise of legislative power by the Diocese of Sydney independent of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia;*
 - *that the content of the Ordinance was the subject of lengthy debate at the Standing Committee meeting held on 18 November 2005 and that as a result of that debate, the Standing Committee proposes a dialogue with the Diocese of Sydney relating to the Ordinance and its potential operation; and*
 - *that in the course of the debate the Standing Committee was assured by the Archbishop of Sydney that the Ordinance was in no way intended to "target Uniting Church congregations and ministers".*

SC2005/3/040

12 CHURCH LAW

12.01 Church Law Commission – General Report (Doc # 2005-172)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Saturday 19 November.

1. *That the report be received.*
2. *That the recommendations in paragraphs 1 and 10 of the report be agreed to.*

SC2005/3/041

12.02 Legislative Amendments – Response to GS 2004 question 17
(Doc # 2005-154)

The recommendation of the majority of the Church Law Commission contained within this report was dealt with during debate on the Primacy Working Group and the resolution appears at SC2005/3/029.

Moved David Bleby, seconded the Primate and **RESOLVED**
That the report be received.

SC2005/3/042

12.03 Bill for the Constitution Amendment (Amending Canons) Canon 2004
(Ref: July SC Mins # 11C on p 8) Doc # 2005-155

Noting the report and the views of the Diocese of Sydney Standing Committee expressed in a letter dated 28 June 2005, and recognising the desirability of dioceses having a common approach to amending canons;

Robert Forsyth moved, Chris Moroney seconding and **RESOLVED**
That the Church Law Commission hold discussions with the Diocese of Sydney to find a way forward.

SC2005/3/043

David Bleby moved, Ian Walker seconding and **RESOLVED**
That the report of the Church Law Commission concerning the “Bill for the Constitution Amendment (Amending Canons) Canon 2004” be received.

SC2005/3/044

12.04 Special Tribunal Canon 7/2004 & National Register Canon 12/2004
(Ref: July SC Mins # 11C on p 8) Doc # 2005-156

David Bleby moved, Peter Young seconding and **RESOLVED**
That the report be received.

SC2005/3/045

Moved Ian Walker, Audrey Mills seconding, and after noting that all members of the Appellate Tribunal present abstained from voting, it was **RESOLVED**

That the Standing Committee

- a. *not advise the President that it agrees with the opinion of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney concerning the Special Tribunal Canon 2004.*
- b. *not advise the President that it agrees with the opinion of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney concerning the National Register Canon 2004.*

SC2005/3/046

13 PUBLIC AFFAIRS**13.01 Public Affairs Commission**
(Doc # 2005-179)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Saturday 19 November.

That the report of the Public Affairs Commission be received and noted.

SC2005/3/047

13.02 Dialogue with the Jewish Community
(Doc # 2005-180)

Moved by The Primate from the Chair and **RESOLVED**

That this Standing Committee:

- a. *receive this report;*
- b. *confirm the interest of the Anglican Church of Australia to enter into inter-faith dialogue with representatives of the Australian Jewish community; and*
- c. *subject to the agreement of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the dialogue process be convened by the Anglican Church nominating at least three representatives who might engage with representatives of the Jewish community on particular issues of mutual interest and concern; and*

that Dr Ray Cleary on behalf of the Public Affairs Commission and The Primate will hold discussion and make appointments of Anglican representatives. Such a group should report through the Public Affairs Commission, which might be resourced appropriately for this activity with a review after three years (2009).

SC2005/3/048

13.03 Refugee Working Group
(Doc # 2005-181)

Moved Margaret Rodgers, seconded Garth Blake and **RESOLVED**

- a. *That the Report of the Refugee Working Group be received and noted.*
- b. *That a new member be appointed to the Refugee Working Group to replace Val Graydon who has resigned.*
- c. *That Standing Committee receive the Group's paper on the detention policy of the Australian Government.*
- d. *Following on from 3 the Group recommends to Standing Committee:*
 - *1) That the Anglican Church of Australia continue to advocate for legislative change to end the mandatory, indefinite and non-judicially reviewable nature of Australia's detention system and*
 - *2) That the Anglican Church of Australia continue to advocate for the granting of Permanent Protection Visas, instead of Temporary Protection Visas, to refugees recognised under the Refugee Convention; and*
 - *3) that the Refugee Working Group prepare a strategy for continued advocacy for consideration by the next meeting of Standing Committee;*
- e. *That Standing Committee notes the current campaign seeking the right to work for asylum seekers on Bridging Visa E and asks the*

General Secretary to write to both the Minister of Immigration and the Shadow Minister supporting this.

- f. *Standing Committee notes the Working Group is collating information on what each diocese is doing in relation to refugees and is also preparing a paper on the trafficking of women.*

SC2005/3/049

13.04 Social Issues Network
(Doc # 2005-182)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Saturday 19 November.

That the report of the Diocesan Social Issues Network be received and noted.

SC2005/3/050

13.05 Anglicare Australia
(Doc # 2005-183)

Copies of the Anglicare Australia Annual Report 2005 were distributed to members of Standing Committee.

Ray Cleary presented the reports from Anglicare and noted the withdrawal of Anglicare-Sydney from the national body for 2006.

Moved Ray Cleary, seconded Jonathon Holland and **RESOLVED**
That the reports of Anglicare-Australia be received and noted.

SC2005/3/051

14 DOCTRINE

Doctrine Commission Report
(Doc # 2005-184)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

- a. *That the Standing Committee authorise the publication of forthcoming essays written by the Doctrine Commission in the St. Mark's Review, and authorise the Doctrine Commission to proceed with similar third-party publication arrangements in the future.*
- b. *That the report of the Doctrine Commission be received and noted.*

SC2005/3/052

15 LITURGY COMMISSION

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Saturday 19 November.

- 1) *That the Report of the Liturgy Commission be received;*
- 2) *That the following items, authorised by the Chair, be agreed to in the 2005 budget:*

<i>WELL Darwin (2006, next to Deans' meeting)</i>	<i>\$2,500 (to be paid in 2005)</i>
<i>IALC Bursary Fund (to be paid to ACO in 2005)</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
- 3) *That the Liturgy Commission be encouraged to continue to offer WELLS;*
- 4) *That additional liturgical resources prepared for use after abuse be*

- noted (attached);*
- 5) *That when resources are needed urgently, the Chair and with two nominated members of the Commission be authorised to act (cf the Day of Mourning after the tsunami);*
 - 6) *That the Notes from the August 2005 IALC meeting be received;*
 - 7) *That the Standing Committee note the Liturgy Commission's continuing concern about the limited publishing powers under which Broughton Publications operates, and its support for the work of the General Secretary and Business Manager in this regard;*
 - 8) *That the taking up of LabOra Worship by the Roman Catholic and Uniting churches in Australia, by the Anglican Church of Aotearoa / New Zealand and the Australian Hymn Book Company be noted;*
 - 9) *That the increase in support for e-pray users provided by Broughton Publications, and that this programme has met its financial costs, be welcomed;*
 - 10) *That funding be provided to enable e-pray training days to be conducted around the country, as part of the educational role of the Commission;*
 - 11) *That the Revd Gillian Varcoe be invited to fill the vacancy on the Liturgy Commission for the remainder of the 2003-2008 term; and*
 - 12) *That, in the event of a vacancy on the Commission being notified to the Standing Committee by the Chair, that a Melbourne-based person nominated by the Chair be appointed to the Liturgy Commission.*

SC2005/3/053

16 ECUMENICAL

16.01 Ecumenical Officer Proposal

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 8(8) on p 8) Doc # 2005-178

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That Standing Committee resolves not to appoint a part time Executive Officer for the Ecumenical Relations Commission at this time.

SC2005/3/054

16.02 Ecumenical Relations Commission

(Doc # 2005-204)

Moved consecutively in sections by Margaret Rodgers, seconded Robert Forsyth, and **RESOLVED**

- a. *That the Report be received.*
- b. *That the General Secretary replies to the NCCA Executive on the Proposed Move to Canberra as follows: "The Anglican Church appreciates the arguments both for and against the proposal and encourages a continuing exploration of the viability of the NCCA moving to Canberra. We are uncertain as to the impact one way or another of this proposed move on the Anglican Church."*
- c. *That the General Secretary replies on Covenanting to the NCCA Executive and the Faith and Order Commission as follows: "We look to the Faith and Unity Commission and State ecumenical councils for assistance with educating church members about the covenanting process."*
- d. *That Standing Committee notes the Ecumenical Relations*

Commission request to the General Secretary to consider the allocation of time from the Research Officer of the General Synod Office to resource the Commission in its work.

SC2005/3/055

In response to the request of the Ecumenical Relations Commission it was **NOTED** that Standing Committee clarified that the task of engaging in Interfaith Dialogues lies with the Public Affairs Commission.

Margaret Rodgers brought to the attention of the Standing Committee the Strategic Plan being developed by the Ecumenical Relations Commission.

It was also noted that in the Anglican-Oriental Orthodox Church Dialogue that conversations are continuing. However, the Oriental Orthodox Church has suspended its dialogue with the Uniting Church of Australia which had sought observer status at the ACA-OOC dialogue. This was declined by the OOC.

17 MISSION & MINISTRY

17.01 Ministry Commission Report

(Doc # 2005-176)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That the report be received.

SC2005/3/055

17.02 Task Force on Mission – Implementation Report

(Ref: July SC Mins res SC2005/2/037 p 15) Doc # 2005-185

Consideration and discussion of the Task Force on Mission report was made an order for the day at 11.20am on Saturday 19 November. The report was presented by Stephen Hale who expanded on proposals and plans for the publication and launch of a Resource Book, as described in the report. Questions and comments included much affirmation of Stuart Robinson in the role of National Mission Facilitator. The General Secretary advised that the Reserve Fund is the appropriate source of funding for the publication of the Resource Book.

Moved Stephen Hale, seconded John Harrower and **RESOLVED**

That the Standing Committee:

- a. *receives this report;*
- b. *endorses the proposed process concerning the development of a resource book that will provide an implementation strategy for dioceses and parochial units across the Church (para 10); and*
- c. *approves a budget of \$30,000 to be drawn from the Reserve Fund on the condition that some funds will be recovered through the sale of the book (para 11).*

SC2005/3/056

Moved Ann Skamp, seconded John Harrower, and **RESOLVED**

That this Standing Committee

- a. *recognises with gratitude the work of the National Mission Facilitator, the Revd Stuart Robinson, and*
- b. *requests the Primate to write a letter of Appreciation and encouragement as Stuart continues in this task on behalf of this Standing Committee.*

SC2005/3/057

Moved Ian Walker, seconded Roger Herft and **RESOLVED**
That the Standing Committee Agenda Committee consider allowing time at the next Standing Committee meeting for a conference session or sessions to accommodate:

- *a presentation from the Diocese of Sydney on the effectiveness of its mission programme within the current triennium;*
- *a presentation by the Archbishop of Perth on Prayer for Mission*
- *a presentation by the Reverend Stuart Robinson on his work as National Mission Facilitator.*

SC2005/3/058

17.03 **NCLS**
 (Doc # 2005-186)

Moved sequentially in sections by Stephen Hale, seconded Bruce McAteer and **RESOLVED**

That this Standing Committee:

- a. *receives this report;*
- b. *affirms the important contribution that the NCLS can make in assessing and improving the health of the Anglican Church nationally; and*
- c. *requests that the General Secretary write to diocesan bishops urging them to consider diocesan participation in light of General Synod Resolution 67/04.*

SC2005/3/059

17.04 **Australian Anglican Diaconal Association (Network)**
 (Doc # 2005-187)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That the report of the Australian Anglican Diaconal Association be received and noted.

SC2005/3/060

17.05 **Supervised Theological Field Education Network**
 (Doc # 2005-188)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That this Standing Committee:

- a. *receives the report from the Supervised Theological Field Education Network;*
- b. *notes the changing focus of the network to promote supervision as a practice for the whole of ministry, and*
- c. *recognises that the Network is now to be known as the Supervision in Ministry Network.*

SC2005/3/061

18 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**18.01 Professional Standards Commission reports**

& (Ref: July SC Mins res SC2005/2/040 p.18) Doc # 2005-189 & 2005-190

18.02

Moved Garth Blake, seconded Audrey Mills and **RESOLVED**

That the Professional Standards Commission Report of the joint meeting with the PSD Network, NCCA and others (2005-189) and the Professional Standards Commission Supplementary Report (2005-190) be received.

SC2005/3/062

18.03 Garth Blake expressed concern about the amount of variation between dioceses in the adoption of Faithfulness in Service including the extent to which the text has been amended.

Moved Garth Blake, seconded Audrey Mills

That the Standing Committee:

- a. *affirms that the effective implementation of the Safe Ministry Policy Statement adopted by the General Synod (33/04(b)) requires that there is as far as practicable uniform safe ministry policies and procedures throughout the Church;*
- b. *requests that the Professional Standards Commission with the assistance of the Research Officer confer with dioceses that have not adopted Faithfulness in Service or have adopted Faithfulness in Service in an amended form to prepare a report:*
 - (i) *that identifies the reason or reasons preventing its adoption or its adoption in an unamended form in all dioceses;*
 - (ii) *that includes any recommendations for its revision;*
- c. *requests that the Primate bring to the attention of the diocesan bishops the issues raised in the section headed "Faithfulness in Service" in the Supplementary Report of the Professional Standards Commission (SCGS 2005 - 190).*

Extensive discussion followed with some members questioning the suitability of the Code for application in some dioceses under their particular diocesan structure and constitution. Cathy Thomson proposed that section (a) be removed from the motion. Robert Fordham and Peter Young reminded the meeting that General Synod meeting in 2004 recognised that a national uniform system is needed and resolved to adopt a uniform code.

David Bleby proposed amending section (a) by including reference to the Model Professional Standards Ordinance approved by General Synod. After further discussion, it was agreed that a second motion would be offered.

The motion was then put in three parts as follows, moved by Garth Blake, seconded Audrey Mills and **RESOLVED**

That the Standing Committee:

- (a) *affirms that the effective implementation of the Safe Ministry Policy Statement adopted by the General Synod (33/04(b)) requires that there is as far as practicable uniform safe ministry policies and procedures throughout the Church;*

SC2005/3/063

Archbishop Jeffrey Driver requested that his abstention be recorded in the minutes.

(b) *requests that the Professional Standards Commission with the assistance of the Research Officer confer with dioceses that have not adopted Faithfulness in Service or have adopted Faithfulness in Service in an amended form to prepare a report:*

- (i) *that identifies the reason or reasons preventing its adoption or its adoption in an unamended form in all dioceses;*
- (ii) *that includes any recommendations for its revision;*

SC2005/3/064

(c) *requests that the Primate bring to the attention of the diocesan bishops the issues raised in the section headed "Faithfulness in Service" in the Supplementary Report of the Professional Standards Commission (SCGS 2005 - 190).*

SC2005/3/065

18.04 Concerns continued to be expressed by some members about what is perceived to be an unduly legalistic approach to what they consider to be a pastoral problem. Peter Young explained that legislative measures put in place a mechanism for dealing with cross-diocesan problems where victim and perpetrator may have lived in and brought complaints from and against different dioceses.

Moved David Bleby, seconded Chris Moroney and **RESOLVED**
That the Standing Committee

- a) *confirms the desirability of substantially uniform procedures for dealing with allegations of sexual abuse throughout the Church*
- b) *requests the Professional Standards Commission with the assistance of the Research Officer confer with dioceses that have not adopted the Model Professional Standards Ordinance or which have done so with substantial amendment and to prepare a report:*
 - (i) *that identifies the reason or reasons preventing its enactment or enactment in an unamended form in all dioceses; and*
 - (ii) *that includes recommendations for its revision;*
- c) *urges any diocese encountering problems with the application of the Model Ordinance to refer such problems to the Professional Standards Commission for consideration of amendments to the Model Ordinance.*

SC2005/3/066

The Primate advised that he will include on the Agenda for the 2006 Bishops' Meeting the above resolutions and the application of uniform professional standards throughout the dioceses.

19 FINANCE

19.01 2006 & 2007 STATUTORY BUDGET CHANGES
(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 7(7) on p 4) Doc # 2005-158

Moved consecutively by the Primate from the Chair and **RESOLVED**

- 1. *That \$45,000 be added to the budget for the Professional Standards Commission in 2006 representing the shortfall of spending against the budget for 2005.*

SC2005/3/067

2. *That \$50,000 be added to the budget for the National Register of Clergy Working Group for 2006 representing the shortfall of spending against the budget for 2005.*
SC2005/3/068
3. *That a grant towards the operation of NARU of \$10,000 be included in the 2006 and 2007 budgets.*
SC2005/3/069
4. *That the budget for the Defence Force Board in each of 2006 and 2007 be increased from \$8,000 to \$12,000.*
SC2005/3/070

The General Secretary left the meeting during discussion of the following item.

Moved by the Primate from the Chair and **RESOLVED**

5. *That the Salary and Allowances budget for 2006 and 2007 be increased by \$21,500 to cover the increased taxation resulting from the adjustment for taxation reasons of the General Secretary's package (\$15,000) and the costs (\$6,500) of income protection insurance included in the General Secretary's package.*
SC2005/3/071

With reference to item 05-11-11-05; Moved John McKenzie, seconded Ray Cleary and **RESOLVED**

6. *That \$10,000 be added to the Administration costs in 2006 to reflect the cost of recruitment of a new Business Manager.*
SC2005/3/072

Moved consecutively by the Primate from the Chair and **RESOLVED**

7. *That there be an addition to the Reserve for the Board of Electors of the Primate of \$10,000 in each of 2006 and 2007.*
SC2005/3/073
8. *That there be an addition to the existing budgeted allocation for the 2007 General Synod of \$20,000 in each of 2006 and 2007 to meet the estimated costs of holding the 2007 General Synod in Canberra.*
SC2005/3/074

Moved by the Primate from the Chair

9. *That Standing Committee maintain the Reserve for a Visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury for 2006 but appoint a small group to review the need for such a reserve in the future.*

Discussion followed. Chris Moroney moved and it was agreed that all the words beginning "for 2006" to the end of the motion be deleted.

The Primate then moved the revised motion as follows which was

RESOLVED

9. *That Standing Committee maintain the Reserve for a visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.*

SC2005/3/075

Vern Harvey and John McKenzie provided a detailed explanation of the rationale for amendments to the Statutory Assessments for the next two years.

Moved by The Primate from the Chair and **RESOLVED**

10. *That Standing Committee not increase the Statutory Assessments of \$965,001 in 2006.*

SC2005/3/076

11. *That Standing Committee approves an increase in assessments from \$993,950 in 2007 to \$1,129,950 in 2007, an increase of 13.7% over the previous budget.*

SC2005/3/077

12. *That these proposals be included in a paper to be distributed to Dioceses by the General Secretary and be resubmitted to the first meeting of Standing Committee in 2006 along with any comments from the Dioceses.*

SC2005/3/078

In respect of the above resolution, Robert Fordham recommended that a letter from the Primate be included with the paper circulated to the dioceses by the General Secretary.

13. *That Standing Committee asks the Executive to review the purposes of the House Replacement Reserve and recommend to Standing Committee what increases, if any, in the Reserve, should be planned for inclusion in future increases in assessments.*

SC2005/3/079

19.02 **2006 Special Fund Budget Amendments**

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 7(13) on p 6) Doc # 2005-160

With reference to the Executive Minutes of 4 Oct 2005, Doc # 2005-157.

Moved John McKenzie, seconded Chris Moroney

1. *that Standing Committee recommend continuing the current policy of increasing ACC contributions (in \$A) in line with the Australian rate of inflation.*

Discussion followed in which it was noted that the ACA historically only pays a portion of the assessment levied by the ACC. Sydney Diocese makes a separate contribution of \$10,000 per annum. John Noble advised that a heavy financial burden has been placed on the ACC by the Primates' meeting and the Windsor Report. In response to questions about Australia's historic contribution decision, David Bleby advised that this was made in 1989 in response to a very large increase in the ACC budget which was not supported in Australia. Noting that Robert Fordham has been appointed to the Inter-Anglican Finance Committee, Jeffrey Driver asked him to report to Standing Committee on the ACC budgetary formula.

Moved Robert Fordham, seconded David Richardson and **RESOLVED**
That the motion be amended by inserting "in 2006" following the word "continuing"

SC2005/3/080

Moved Robert Fordham, seconded Kay Goldsworthy and **RESOLVED** the amended motion:

- that Standing Committee recommend continuing in 2006 the current policy of increasing ACC contributions (in \$A) in line with the Australian rate of inflation.*

SC2005/3/081

Moved Robert Fordham, seconded Kay Goldsworthy and **RESOLVED**

That the General Secretary report to the next meeting of Standing Committee concerning the level of contribution of the A C A to the Anglican Consultative Council in relation to the amount requested by the Council and as to whether this contribution can be a charge on the Statutory Fund.

SC2005/3/082

Moved consecutively by The Primate from the Chair and **RESOLVED**

2. *It was resolved to increase the Special Fund grant for 2006 and 2007 to the Defence Force Board from \$7,000 to \$12,000.*

SC2005/3/083

3. *It was resolved to increase the Special Fund allowance for Overseas Conferences for 2006 from \$10,000 to \$25,000 to include the 5 person delegation from ACA to the WCC 9th Assembly in Brazil, noting that the increase was only an estimate at this stage.*

SC2005/3/084

4. *It was resolved to approve the amended Special Fund Budget for 2006 with Special Assessments of \$329,100 (unchanged) and Expenditure of \$345,940 (up from \$325,940), the balance being taken from Special Fund Reserves.*

SC2005/3/085

19.03 **Budgeting and Planning for Commissions**

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 7(1) on p 2) Doc # 2005-161

Moved consecutively by Bruce McAteer, seconded John McKenzie and **RESOLVED**

1. *that Chairs of Commissions should attend (a part of) the first meeting of the Standing Committee commencing a new General Synod cycle to:*
- *discuss Commission plans for the cycle*
 - *agree the relative budgets from the pool for Commissions previously agreed by Standing Committee*
 - *plan any coordinated activities among Commissions.*

SC2005/3/086

2. *that General Synod Office be authorised to distribute copies of Commission reports received by Standing Committee to Commissions.*

SC2005/3/087

3. *that the budget include around \$30,000 per annum for all Commissions.*

SC2005/3/088

4. *that Commission Chairs be authorised to approve expenditure up to \$5,000 in any one year and require that all expenditure by a Commission must be authorised by the Chair.*

SC2005/3/089

5. *that prior approval of the Executive is required for:*
- *any expenditure in excess of \$5,000 by a Commission in any given year.*
 - *all overseas travel as to cost, who travels and why.*

SC2005/3/090

6. *that secretaries to Commissions appointed by Standing Committee, would have their costs of attending meetings paid as for members, within the budget of Commissions.*

SC2005/3/091

7. *It was **NOTED** that General Synod Office will provide a statement at 30 June to all Commissions of expenditure year to date against their budget.*

SC2005/3/092

19.04 **Broughton Publishing – Adjustment to Loan Repayment**

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 7(3) on p 3) Doc # 2005-162

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That the final loan repayment due from Broughton Publishing Pty Ltd to the Reserve Fund due on 31 December 2005 be amended from \$49,000 to \$35,000 with the balance to be repaid before 31 December 2006.

SC2005/3/093

19.05 **Indemnity for Cabcharge Guarantee**

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 7(4) on p 3) Doc # 2005-163

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

that the Rev Canon Bruce McAteer be indemnified from any personal liability that might be incurred from his providing a personal guarantee to Cabcharge Australia Ltd for the non-payment of liabilities incurred on the cards issued to the Primate, the Business Manager and himself.

SC2005/3/094

19.06 **Mission Funding & Engaging Australia Funding**

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 7(5) on p 3) Doc # 2005-164

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

1. *that, in the absence of any Engaging Australia projects being approved, Standing Committee is prepared to approve funding of national mission projects, recommended by the Task Force on Mission, in any year up to the amount which would have been available for Engaging Australia projects; and*
2. *that in calculating the sum of money available for Engaging Australia projects the income referred to in the April 1997 Standing Committee resolution, refers to income earned on investments and does not include income from other sources, such as the Telstra Anglican Plan Commission.*

SC2005/3/095

19.07 2005 Financial Reporting in 2006

Moved John McKenzie, seconded the Primate and **RESOLVED**
That approval to authorise the 2005 Financial Report is delegated to the Executive who will meet after the report has been circulated to Standing Committee members and a phone and/or email conference has been organised by the Business Manager for members who have questions and comments about the accounts and the Report.

SC2005/3/096**19.08 Audit Engagement Letters**
(Doc # 2005-206)

Moved by the Primate from the Chair and **RESOLVED**
that authority to approve Engagement Letters with the auditors, KPMG, in addition to normal requirements, to carry out work needed to ensure the 2005 Financial Report is consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), be delegated to the Chair of the General Synod Audit Committee.

SC2005/3/097**20 GENERAL SYNOD BODIES****20.01 ABM-A**
(Doc # 2005-196)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That the report of the Anglican Board of Mission - Australia be received and noted.

SC2005/3/098**20.02 ACT**
(Ref: July SC Mins 20.3 on p 21) Doc # 2005-197

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That the Standing Committee of General Synod receive the report of the Australian College of Theology, noting the sound financial management of the College by the Board of Delegates and commending the beginning made by the Board towards drafting a new constitution for ratification by the Council in dialogue with the General Secretary and the Standing Committee.

SC2005/3/099**20.03 Long Service Leave Fund – Notional Stipend**
(Doc # 2005-177)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That Standing Committee:

- (a) *pursuant to Section 44 (1)(a) of the Long Service Leave Canon 1992-1995 approves a Notional Stipend of \$41,206 for the calendar year 2006; and*
- (b) *pursuant to Section 44(2)(b) increases the rate of the*

Supplementary Allowance Benefit from 70% to 80% of the leave benefit payment effective 1st January 2006.

SC2005/3/100

20.04 **NATSIAC**

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 8(1) on p 6) Doc # 2005-193

Moved Bruce McAteer, seconded the Primate and **RESOLVED**
That Standing Committee:

- (a) receives the report from the Executive Committee; and*
- (b) requests the General Secretary to write to the Primate asking that the Provincial Bishops in Queensland dialogue with representatives of NATSIAC in relation to the Joint Affirmation Statement to progress the matter and report back to Standing Committee.*

SC2005/3/101

21 **OTHER**

21.01 **Australian Hymn Book Company**

(Ref: Oct Exec Mins # 8(2) on p 7) Doc # 2005-194

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That the General Secretary or his nominee be appointed as the representative of the Anglican Church of Australia for purposes such as Annual General Meetings or other meetings of members of The Australian Hymn Book Pty Ltd.

SC2005/3/102

21.02 **Anglican Schools Network**

(Doc # 2005-199)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That the report of the Anglican Schools Network be received.

SC2005/3/103

21.03 **Anglican Archives Network**

(Doc # 2005-198)

The following was formally **RESOLVED** during the call-over held at 1.30pm on Friday 18 November.

That the report of the Anglican Archives Network be received and noted.

SC2005/3/104

21.04 **Elections**

Vacancy on Refugee Working Group

On the advice of Archdeacon Michael Hillier, Chair of the Refugee Working Group, Margaret Rodgers nominated Ms Libby Hogarth of Adelaide be appointed to the Refugee Working Group. There being no other nominations and no objections, it was **RESOLVED** that Libby Hogarth be invited to become a member of the Refugee Working Group.

SC2005/3/105

Liaison Bishop for CCEA

Nominations were called. Bishop Robert Forsyth and Archbishop Roger Herft were nominated. An election was held by secret ballot.

Archbishop Roger Herft was declared duly elected

SC2005/3/106

22 FUTURE MEETINGS

Moved Robert Forsyth, seconded David Richardson

That the meeting dates of Standing Committee for 2006 be:

Option 1 – recommended by Executive:

2 May	Sydney	Tuesday	Executive Committee
26-28 May	Melbourne	Fri – Sun	Standing Committee

FAILED

Several members of Standing Committee advised that they had already confirmed their diaries for 2006.

The Primate moved from the Chair and **RESOLVED**

That the meeting dates previously agreed for Standing Committee remain in force.

SC2005/3/107

FUTURE MEETINGS - confirmed

Dates	Place	Days	Event
2006			
(7 February	Sydney		Executive Committee)
<i>Executive Committee subsequently cancelled for this date and rescheduled for 27 April and 20 June</i>			
4 & 5 March	Melbourne	Sat & Sun	Standing Committee
	Campion Retreat Centre		
5 – 9 March	Melbourne	Sun-Thur	Bishops' Conference
	Marysville, Victoria		
20-22 October	Brisbane	Fri-Sun	Standing Committee

23 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

24 CLOSE

The meeting closed at 4.00pm on Saturday 19 November 2005.

CHAIRMAN

DATE