

# SYNOD 2018

## MINUTES

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### MINUTES OF THE FIRST SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF PERTH HELD IN ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, PERTH ON FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 2018

The Synod Eucharist, presided over by The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO, was held on Friday 5 October 2018 in St George's Cathedral and commenced at 6.30pm. The Preacher was the Archbishop, The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO.

After the service the President welcomed the members of Synod to the First Sitting of the First Session of the Fiftieth Synod at 7.55pm.

#### **1 Apologies**

A list of apologies of those unable to attend was tabled.

#### **2 Presentations**

2.1 The President's Address.

Synod adjourned at 8.55pm.

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### MINUTES OF THE SECOND SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF PERTH HELD AT PETER MOYES ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL ON SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER 2018

The Second Sitting of the First Session of the Fiftieth Synod commenced at 8.34am.

#### **1 Prayers**

Morning Prayer was led by the Chaplain, The Reverend Nick Russell.

#### **2 Attendance and Apologies**

The President ordered all members who had not yet signed an attendance slip and placed it in the box for that purpose to do so forthwith. A list of apologies of those unable to attend was tabled.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

#### **3 Electronic Voting Training**

Mr Keith Stephen moved, The Venerable Lionel Snell seconded, that so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent electronic voting on the floor of Synod to be used. **LEAVE GRANTED**

Training for the use of the electronic voting system was conducted by Mr Keith Stephens.

#### **4 Election of Officers**

Mr Keith Stephens moved, The Venerable Lionel Snell seconded, the following motions:

**01/18** Motion for the Election of a Steering Committee

The following people were elected unopposed:

The Venerable Lionel Snell

Mr Jeremy Buxton

Ms Carine Collins

The Reverend Peter Manuel

**02/18** Motion for the Election of a Drafting Committee

The following people were elected unopposed:

Mrs Carine Collins

Mr Jeremy Buxton

**03/18** Motion for the Election of Clerical and Lay Secretaries

**Clerical Secretary**

The following nominations for Clerical Secretary were received:

The Reverend Marie Aitken

The Reverend Peter Manuel

**Elected:                    The Reverend Peter Manuel**

**Lay Secretary**

Mrs Carine Collins was elected unopposed

**04/18** Motion for the Election of a Returning Officer

The following person was elected unopposed:

Mr Doug Fletcher

**05/18** Motion for the Election of a Minute Reading Committee

The following people were elected unopposed:

Mrs Sally Boyle

The Venerable Lionel Snell

The Reverend John Ward

**06/18** Motion for the Election of a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman of Committees

The following persons were elected unopposed:

Chairman                    Mr Alan Dungey

Deputy Chairman        Ms Kathryn Roach

#### **5 Appointment of Officers**

a The President appointed clerical and lay scrutineers for the ballot

**Clerical Scrutineers**    The Reverend Brad Galvin

                                  The Reverend Lyn Harwood

                                  The Reverend Peggy Ludlow

**Lay Scrutineers**        Mr Craig Bydder

                                  Mr Adrian Jones

b The President determined the time for the ballot to be between 12.30pm and 4.00pm on Saturday 6 October 2018.

## 6 Questions, notices of motion, and motions as appearing on the Business Paper

### 6.1 The Reverend Josie Steytler (Greenwood)

Noting that:

- a CEBS WA was closed on 22 June 2016;
  - b the constitution of CEBS WA stated ' . . . in the event of the Society's closure all properties and monies shall be held in trust by the Perth Diocesan Trustees, until the Society is reformed, or an equivalent Anglican Society is created. Then all funds and properties shall be made available to that Society' (Clause 55);
  - c at the time of closure, CEBS WA held funds of approximately \$140,000;
- would the President advise Synod;
- a if the funds are currently held in trust by the Perth Diocesan Trustees, what is the current balance and the manner in which the funds are held?  
**The balance is \$194,101.69 as at August 31, 2018. The funds are held by the PDT as a Fixed Trust Investment Pool; no distributions of income have been made**
  - b if the funds have been made available to an equivalent Anglican Society, what is the name of the Society and on what date were the funds made available to them?  
**The funds have not been made available to an equivalent Anglican society**
  - c if the funds have been expended for any other purpose, what was that purpose, and on what date and by whom was expenditure authorised?  
**The funds have not been expended for any other purpose**

### 6.2 The Reverend Anna Killigrew (Kooraa Retreat)

Would the President advise Synod of the

- a Cost;
  - b Source of funds; and
  - c Person or body who approved expenditure,
- for the following items relating to the suspension and reference to the Professional Standards Board of The Reverend Chris Bedding:
- a Investigator expenses for the Professional Standards Committee (PSC)  
Cost: **\$11,520**  
Source of funds: **Professional Standards Budget**  
Person or body who approved expenditure:  
**Diocesan Secretary at the request of the Professional Standards Committee**
  - b Legal expenses for the PSC  
Cost: **\$16,000**  
Source of funds: **Professional Standards Budget**  
Person/body who approved expenditure:  
**Diocesan Council Resolution 14.3, 9 November 2017**
  - c Legal expenses for the Professional Standards Board  
Cost: **Nil**
  - d Legal expenses for the Archbishop or Administrator  
Cost: **Nil**
  - e Mediation expenses  
Cost: **\$6,500**  
Source of funds: **Professional Standards Budget**  
Person/body who approved expenditure: **The Archbishop and Diocesan Secretary**
  - f Legal expenses for the respondent  
Cost: **\$10,000**  
Source of funds: **Professional Standards Budget**  
Person/body who approved expenditure:  
**Diocesan Council Resolution 10, 14 December 2017 resolved to reimburse the Clergy Relief Fund the grant the Respondent received from this body**

- g Stipend and emoluments for the respondent during the period of suspension  
 Cost: ***As per the Statute, the respondent received the stipend, allowance and benefit that he or she would ordinarily have received, and such entitlements are met or reimbursed from funds of the Diocese, the Parish or other Church entity as the case may be ordinarily***  
 Source of funds: ***Such entitlements are met or reimbursed from funds of the Diocese, the Parish or other Church entity as the case may be ordinarily. In this case the Professional Standards Budget***  
 Person/body who approved expenditure  
***Diocesan Council approved the recommendation from the Archbishop to reimburse the parish of Darlington-Bellevue 0.5FTE of the stipend for a six-month period; Diocesan Council Resolution 14.4, 8 March 2018***
- h Stipend and emoluments for locum and supply clergy in the Parish of Darlington-Bellevue during the time of suspension  
 Cost: ***\$16,493***  
 Source of funds: ***Professional Standards Budget***  
 Person/body who approved expenditure:  
***The Administrator, The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot***
- i Counselling expenses for the respondent  
 Cost: ***\$4,674***  
 Source of funds: ***Professional Standards Budget***  
 Person/body who approved expenditure:  
***The Professional Standards Director and the Archbishop***
- j Counselling expenses for the complainant  
 Cost: ***Nil, no claims were received***
- k Retreat expenses for the respondent  
 Cost: ***\$2,702.61***  
 Source of funds: ***Professional Standards Budget***  
 Person/body who approved expenditure: ***The Archbishop***
- l Any other expenditure made necessary by the suspension and reference  
 Cost: ***Nil***

### 6.3 Mr John Ewing (Darlington-Bellevue)

Noting that the explanatory memorandum that preceded the adoption of the *Professional Standards Statute 2015* stated 'The Diocesan Legislation Committee has been reviewing the *Professional Standards Statute 2003* as part of the Diocesan review of all our policies and procedures relating to child abuse in order to be able to adequately respond to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse', would the President advise Synod, since the adoption of the Statute:

- a Did Diocesan Council formulate a policy, or provide written or other advice to the Professional Standards Committee (PSC) in relation to grievances involving clergy discipline (not including abuse or sexual misconduct)?  
***In 2015, Synod adopted the Professional Standards Statute that contained definitions of misconduct and bullying. The Professional Standards Statute is the first point of reference for the PSC, by which they are bound to comply. Polices 10.10, 40, 40.8, 40.9, 40.10 and 55 provide guidance with the manner in which the PSC carries out its functions but at all times the terms of the Professional Standards Statute set the parameters of the PSC's responsibilities.***
- b Did Diocesan Council direct, request, or otherwise indicate to the PSC that the PSC was expected or required to respond to grievances involving matters of clergy discipline (not involving abuse or sexual misconduct)?  
***No***

- c Did Diocesan Council direct, request or otherwise indicate to the PSC that grievances relating to clergy discipline (not involving abuse or sexual misconduct) were to be addressed using the *Professional Standards Statute 2015* in preference to the *Clergy Discipline Statute* or *Policy 55 Complaints and Grievances Policy*?  
**No**
- d Did Diocesan Council move a motion, receive correspondence or receive a report which addressed the use of the *Professional Standards Statute 2015* to respond to matters of clergy discipline (not involving abuse or sexual misconduct)?  
**Yes. Prior to Synod's adoption of the Professional Standards Statute 2015 ("2015 PSS") without amendment the Diocesan Council received from the Legislation Committee several drafts of the 2015 PSS which included matters of clergy discipline (not involving abuse or sexual misconduct), the Diocesan Council approved those several drafts of the 2015 PSS and authorised and requested the Legislation Committee to take the 2015 PSS to Synod for adoption.**
- e How many complaints (as the term is used in the Statute) relating to clergy discipline (not involving abuse or sexual misconduct) have been dealt with by the Professional Standards Committee?  
**Six**

#### 6.4 Mr John Ewing (Darlington-Bellevue)

With reference to legal expenses for the appearance of Bishop Roger Herft before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Royal Commission), would the President advise Synod:

- a Was the expenditure funded from the principal funds of Bishop Hale Trust or income arising from the Bishop Hale Trust?  
**The expenditure was funded through accumulated surpluses of the Bishop Hale Trust.**
- b What has been the effect of this expenditure on the total income arising from the Bishop Hale Trust?  
**The payment was made from liquid funds on a current account earning interest at 1.5%.**
- c Has any further expenditure been made since the previous sitting of Synod and, if so in what amount and by whom was it authorised?  
**No further expenditure has been incurred.**
- d Has the Archbishop, Bishop Hale Trust, Diocesan Council or Perth Diocesan Trustees received any request for funds for legal expenses for Bishop Roger Herft's appearance before the Royal Commission or his anticipated appearance before the Episcopal Standards Commission, and, if so, what was the response to that request?  
**No request has been received by any of these parties.**
- e Has Bishop Roger Herft been asked to repay any funds used for legal expenses for his appearance before the Royal Commission?  
**No**

#### 6.5 Mr John Ewing (Darlington-Bellevue)

Would the President outline to Synod:

- a The current arrangements for management of 'human resources' within the Diocese?  
**This response relates to the management of human resources for lay employees of the Perth Diocesan Trustees at Diocesan Office, Wollaston Theological College and Conference Centre and Swan Valley Adventure Centre and in the parishes. The Perth Diocesan Trustees (PDT) acts as the designated employer of lay people working for the Diocese and its parishes, organisations and institutions which are not separately incorporated. Policy 1 sets out the minimum employment standards and entitlements for lay employees.**
- b Has the Diocesan Secretary implemented any strategies to decrease the rate of staff turnover in Church House?  
**Yes**

6.6 Mrs Jill Bowman (Melville)

Would the President advise Synod:

Of any actions undertaken by Diocesan Council and the Perth Diocesan Trustees in parishes, Diocesan agencies, and Church House to 'model and implement best inclusive practices' for people living with disabilities as envisaged by motion 40/14 passed at the Synod of 2014?

***The Diocesan Council and Perth Diocesan Trustees recognise, due to age, some buildings have access and inclusion barriers. All new diocesan and parish buildings or buildings undertaking renovation works to upgrade existing facilities must comply with the Building Code of Australia (BCA), Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1992 and the Access to Premises Standard 2010. Church House, completed in 2017, meets these standards. Since the passing of Synod Resolution 40/14, 18 parish-related properties have had faculties approved that have included works improving accessibility for those living with a disability. Incorporated Diocesan agencies are responsible for the development and implementation of inclusive practices.***

6.7 Ms Jill Mackenzie (Darlington-Bellevue)

Would the President advise Synod:

a Does the Perth Diocesan Trustees have a written policy on Responsible Investment - an approach to investing that aims to incorporate environmental, social and governance factors into investment decisions, to better manage risk and generate sustainable, long-term return?

***Yes***

b Has the Perth Diocesan Trustees received a report or correspondence, or engaged in discussion about the Responsible Investment Certification Program overseen by the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA)?

***Yes***

c Has the Perth Diocesan Trustees otherwise implemented practices which are congruent with the mission of RIAA – 'To see more capital being invested more responsibly: RIAA works to shift more capital into sustainable assets and enterprises and shape responsible financial markets to underpin strong investment returns and a healthier economy, society and environment'?

***Refer to responses to questions a) and b) above and the Perth Diocesan Trustees' Report in Synod Book One.***

6.8 Mr John Brett (Armadale)

Noting Synod Resolution 27/17 which requested the Perth Diocesan Trustees and Diocesan Council to establish a joint working group, could the President please advise Synod:

1 On how many occasions did the Joint Working Group meet?

***The Joint Working Group met on three occasions:***

***1 10 January 2018***

***2 20 February 2018***

***3 27 March 2018***

***In addition to the three meetings there were several email conversations between working group members.***

2 At which meeting was the first draft report tabled?

***The draft report was presented at the 27 March 2018 meeting. Several emails were exchanged between working group members prior to settling on the final version.***

3 At which meeting was the completed report tabled?

***The report was finalised following feedback from Working Group members subsequent to the meeting on 27 March 2018, which principally was provided in writing by email. The final report was approved by circular email of the Working Group members on 5 April 2018. The report was received by the Diocesan Council at its meeting 12 April 2018 and by the Perth Diocesan Trustees at its meeting on 19 April 2018.***

6.9 The Reverend Marc Dale (Highgate)

Noting that, in Site Visit Action Notes of a site visit to a parish of this diocese on 7 November 2017 the Parish Council was advised that: ‘Effective from 7.11.17 the parish will incur an additional:

- 1 PDT Administration Fee (20% of Mesh Quote) for any works undertaken on the property after 7.11.17 by non-approved Mesh contractor/s.
- 2 Mesh Non-Compliance Fee (20% of Mesh Quote) for rectification of any non-compliant works undertaken by non-approved Mesh contractor/s after 7.11.17. This fee is to be in addition to the cost of the rectification works (to be carried out by a Mesh approved contractor/s).’, and that in correspondence from the Acting Registrar of 18 January 2018 the Registrar indicated that the above was a ‘management determination’;

would the President advise Synod:

- 1 Who made the aforementioned management determination?  
***This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer.***
- 2 Was Diocesan Council involved in or informed of the management determination?  
***This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer.***
- 3 Does this management determination affect all parishes and, if so, how has this determination been communicated to Parish Councils and Wardens?  
***This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer.***
- 4 How many parishes have been charged a PDT Administration fee for works undertaken since 7 November for non-approved Mesh contractors?  
***This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer.***
- 5 How many parishes have been charged a Mesh Non-Compliance Fee for rectification of any non-compliant works undertaken by non-approved Mesh contractor/s after 7 November 2017?  
***This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer.***
- 6 What has been the total amount charged across all parishes for PDT Administration fees and Mesh Non-Compliance Fees?  
***This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer. However, I can confirm that there is no PDT Administration fee or a non-compliance fee as referenced in the question.***

6.10 Mr Chris Cornish (Highgate)

Noting Synod Resolution 27/17 which requested Perth Diocesan Trustees and Diocesan Council to establish a joint working group to:

- a Consult all stakeholders to identify what changes may need to occur to ease the current implementation burden on local community, and
- b noting the Circular of the Diocesan Secretary of 4 January 2018 which stated that the Diocesan wide survey of late 2017 was “not part of synod resolution 27/17”,

could the President please advise Synod;

- 1 the number of parish wardens directly consulted by the joint working group;
- 2 the number of parish councils directly consulted by the joint working group;
- 3 the number of parish priests directly consulted by the joint working group; and
- 4 the number of Area Deanery’s directly consulted by the joint working group?  
***The answer to parts 1-4 of this question is that the Working Group used the Diocesan-wide survey of late 2017 as a tool in its deliberations and as such parish wardens, parish councils, parish priests and area deaneries were all consulted.***
- 5 If Mesh Assets was asked to provide a report to the joint working group? **No**

7 Presentation of Petitions

No petitions were received.

## **8 Reports of Committees including the Minute Reading Committee**

### **8.1 Minute Reading Committee**

The minutes of the Third Sitting of the Third Session of the Forty-Ninth Synod were adopted at the 9 November 2017 meeting of Diocesan Council. **CARRIED**

## **9 Questions, notices of motion, and motions not appearing on the Business Paper**

### **9.1 Late question**

The Reverend Stephen Conway asked, noting the President's answer to 6.10:

- a Is it correct that, despite the fact, the Diocesan Secretary's survey of late 2017 was expressly 'not a part of Synod resolution 27/17' it was the sole source of consultation with parish wardens, parish councils, parish priests and deaneries?
- b Is it correct that despite the express intent of resolution 27/17 that the joint working group 'consult all stakeholders' that in fact:
  - i no parish wardens were directly consulted by the joint working group,
  - ii no parish councils were directly consulted by the joint working group,
  - iii no parish priests were directly consulted by the joint working group,
  - iv no deaneries were directly consulted by the joint working group, and
  - v that the principal contractor, Mesh Assets, was not directly consulted by the joint working group?

### **9.2 Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

### **9.3 Late Motions**

Leave was sought to introduce the following late motions:

#### **Appreciation of Koora Retreat Centre**

The Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith moved, The Reverend Lynne Eastoe seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 Gives thanks for the ministry of Koora Retreat Centre in this Diocese since 2005, which has enabled hundreds of people to meet God in the wilderness, renewing the spiritual life of individuals and communities, and
- 2 Prays for The Reverend Dr Anna Killigrew and The Reverend Peter Harrison as they continue to live at Koora, adapting their mission to a new season of self-catered accommodation for visitors and pilgrims. **LEAVE GRANTED**

#### **Same Sex Marriage**

Mr Ian Carter AM moved, The Reverend Lorna Green seconding,

That this Synod:

- 1 Notes the motion passed at the recent Synod of the Diocese of Wangaratta on the development of a Form of Blessing for same sex couples who have been 'married' under the Marriage Amendment (Definitions and Religious Freedoms) Act 2017 (Commonwealth);
- 2 understands that both the General Synod Doctrine Commission and the Church Law Commission are currently considering the issue and preparing papers on the Anglican Church's position on these issues;
- 3 notes and acknowledges the widespread national and local support for the recent changes to Australian marriage laws to include same-sex couples; and
- 4 requests that the Archbishop of Perth ensures that there are appropriate opportunities for the clergy and laity of the Diocese to engage in further discussion as part of this process. **LEAVE GRANTED**



### **New Apprenticeship Program – ACYM**

Mr Mark Davis moved, The Reverend John Ward seconding,

That as Anglican Children and Youth Ministries (ACYM) is a Commission of this Synod, it seemed right to give Synod the first opportunity to be aware of, and therefore give ownership to, an exciting new apprenticeship program that ACYM intends to launch in February 2019. **LEAVE GRANTED**

### **10 Orders of the Day**

10.1 The President informed Synod of the Orders of the Day as determined by the Steering Committee:

#### **Saturday 6 October 2018**

11.00am	Legislation (Motions 13.01 to 14.01)
1.30pm	Collaboration process in relation to Legislation (Resolution 24/17)
4.00pm	Legislation
5.00pm	Welcome and Clergy Retirement motions (Motions 14.04 and 14.01)

#### **Sunday 7 October**

5.30pm	Appreciation motions (Motions 14.02 and 14.03)
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10.2 The President asked if there were further motions for Orders of the Day. There were no further motions.

### **11 Consideration of Formal Business**

#### **11.1 Discovery and Reception of Formal Reports**

The President tabled the reports as printed on pages 6-10 and 42-87 of *Book One – Summons and Reports to Synod*. The following reports were formally presented and received:

All Saints' College

Anglican Board of Mission - Australia

Anglican Children and Youth Ministries Commission

Anglican EcoCare Commission

Anglican Cursillo Movement

Anglican Mothers' Union Australia

Anglican Youth Ministries Foundation (Inc)

Archbishop of Perth Community Welfare Fund (Inc)

Chaplaincy Advisory Group

Christ Church Grammar School (Inc)

Church Missionary Society - Western Australia (Inc)

Crosslinks

Diocesan Archives

Esperance Anglican Community School

Flying Angel Club - Mission to Seafarers

GFS/Kids Plus+

Guildford Grammar School (Inc)

Guy Elkington Memorial Fund (Inc)

Hale School

John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School

John Wollaston Anglican Community School

Meath Care (Inc)

Messenger

Peter Carnley Anglican Community School

Peter Moyes Anglican Community School

Social Responsibilities Commission

St Bartholomew's House (Inc)

St George's Anglican Grammar School  
 St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls (Inc)  
 St James' Anglican School  
 St Mark's Anglican Community School  
 St Mary's Anglican Girls' School (Inc)  
 Swan Valley Anglican Community School  
 The Anglican Schools Commission  
 Wollaston Theological College

**TABLED AND RECEIVED**

The following reports were listed as not formal:

Amana Living Inc  
 Anglicare WA Inc  
 Bush Church Aid Society of Australia – WA  
 Multicultural Ministry Commission  
 Parkerville Children and Youth Care (Inc)  
 St George's College (Inc)

### 11.2 Reception of Financial Reports

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

Amana Living (Inc)	Peter Carnley Anglican Community School
Amana Living Anglican Foundation (Inc)	Peter Moyes Anglican Community School
Anglican Youth Ministries Foundation (Inc)	St Bartholomew's House (Inc)
Anglican Community Fund (Inc)	St George's Anglican Grammar School
Anglicare WA (Inc)	St James' Anglican School
Esperance Anglican Community School	St Mark's Anglican Community School
John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School	St Mary's Anglican Girls' School (Inc)
John Wollaston Anglican Community School	Swan Valley Anglican Community School
Parkerville Children and Youth Care (Inc)	The Anglican Schools Commission (Inc)

**TABLED AND RECEIVED**

### 11.3 Discovery of Formal Motions

Retiring Clergy  
 Appreciation and General Thanks  
 Appreciation to the President  
 Mar Thoma Welcome  
 Homelessness  
 Thanks for BCA  
 Electric Vehicles and Sustainable Transport  
 Voice in the Wilderness

## 12 Reports of the Diocesan Council, The Perth Diocesan Trustees and Anglican Community Fund

12.01 The Venerable Lionel Snell moved, Mr Keith Stephens seconded, that the report of the Diocesan Council for the year 2017/2018 be considered and received.

The Venerable Lionel Snell moved, Mr Keith Stephens seconded, that so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Ian Carter AM to address Synod on the Interim Report of the Governance Review Committee.

**LEAVE GRANTED**

**07/18** The Venerable Lionel Snell moved, Mr Keith Stephens seconded, that the report of the Diocesan Council for the year 2017/2018 be considered and received.

**CARRIED**

Synod adjourned for morning tea at 10.15am.

Synod reconvened at 10.55am.

**08/18** Mr Philip Teale moved, Mr Keith Stephens seconded, that the statement of monies appropriated or expended by Diocesan Council for the year ended 30 April 2018 be considered, received and adopted. **CARRIED**

**09/18** Mr Sam Walsh AO moved, Mr Peter Dawes seconded, that the report of The Perth Diocesan Trustees for the 2017/2018 year be considered and received. **CARRIED**

**10/18** Mr Philip Teale moved, Mr Keith Stephens seconded, that the audited Synod statement showing the funds administered by The Perth Diocesan Trustees and the resources subject to Synod control, and the manner in which they are employed at 30 April 2018 be considered, received and adopted. **CARRIED**

**11/18** Mr David Craig moved, Mr Philip Teale seconded, that the report of the Anglican Community Fund for the 2017/2018 year be considered and received. **CARRIED**

**13 Legislation (Order of the Day - 11.00am Saturday 6 October)**

13.01 The Venerable Lionel Snell moved, Dr Ian Fairnie seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to amend the Constitution Act of the Diocese of Perth 1871 (Lay Alternates amendments) be approved in principle. **CARRIED**

**12/18** The Venerable Lionel Snell moved, Dr Ian Fairnie seconded, that the Bill for a Statute to amend the Constitution Act of the Diocese of Perth 1871 (Lay Alternates amendments) do now pass. **CARRIED**

13.02 The Venerable Lionel Snell moved, Dr Ian Fairnie seconded, that the Bill for a Statute to amend the Parish Governance Statute 2016 (Lay Alternates amendments and Synod Assessments) be approved in principle. **CARRIED**

**13/18** The Venerable Lionel Snell moved that the Bill for a Statute to amend the Parish Governance Statute 2016 (Lay Alternates amendments and Synod Assessments) do now pass. **CARRIED**

13.03 The Venerable Lionel Snell sought leave of Synod for a resolution to amend Standing Orders (p151 Book Two) to amend the definition of "member" in section 2.1 and delete the wording "while Synod is sitting, an Alternate taking the place of a lay member of Synod". **LEAVE GRANTED**

**14/18** The Venerable Lionel Snell moved, Dr Ian Fairnie seconded, that the definition of "member" in Standing Orders section 2.1 be amended by deleting the words "while Synod is sitting, an Alternate taking the place of a lay member of Synod". **CARRIED**

**Midday Prayer** was led by the Chaplain.

**13.04 Procedural Motion - Items 13.03 to 13.11 on the Business Paper**

The Reverend Chris Bedding moved, The Reverend John Ewing seconded, that so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the bills to adopt General Synod Canons (items 13.03 to 13.11 on the Business Paper) from adoption by Synod in a single vote, preceded by such brief explanations as the President deems appropriate. **THE PRESIDENT RULED AGAINST THE MOTION**

Synod adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm.

Synod reconvened at 1.30pm.

#### **14 Order of the Day - Collaborative Development of Principles – Resolution 24/17**

Dr Carolyn Tan, a member of the Diocesan Council working group, briefed Synod in relation to the Collaboration Resolution concerning the Professional Standards Statute 2015 and any new Clergy Statute and the work undertaken by the working group to date.

Mrs Carine Collins, a member of the Legislation Committee, provided Synod with a summary of the principles considered by the Legislation Committee when preparing the amendments to the Professional Standards Statute 2015 and any new Clergy Statute, and the main issues which need to be addressed.

Members of Synod formed groups of clergy and laity respectively to consider a series of questions prepared by the working group.

Synod reconvened at 2.45pm.

#### **15 Legislation**

15.03 Mr Eric Ross-Adjie moved, Ms Kathryn Roach seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Assent to the Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

**CARRIED**

**15/18** Mr Eric Ross-Adjie moved, Ms Kathryn Roach seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Assent to the Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 do now pass.

**[274/10] CARRIED**

15.04 Ms Kathryn Roach moved, The Reverend John Ward seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

**CARRIED**

**16/18** Ms Kathryn Roach moved, The Reverend John Ward seconding, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017 do now pass.

**[290/6] CARRIED**

15.05 Mr Eric Ross-Adjie moved, Ms Kathryn Roach seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Assent to the Constitution (Jurisdiction of Special Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

**CARRIED**

**17/18** Mr Eric Ross-Adjie moved, Ms Kathryn Roach seconding, that a Bill for a Statute to Assent to the Constitution (Jurisdiction of Special Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 do now pass.

**[293/8] CARRIED**

15.06 Mr Jeremy Buxton moved, The Venerable Lionel Snell seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Offences Amendment Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

**CARRIED**

**18/18** Mr Jeremy Buxton moved, The Venerable Lionel Snell seconding, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Offences Amendment Canon 2017 do now pass.

**[298/6] CARRIED**

15.07 Mr Eric Ross-Adjie moved, The Reverend John Ward seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Special Tribunal (Limitation Period) Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

**CARRIED**

**19/18** Mr Eric Ross-Adjie moved, The Reverend John Ward seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Special Tribunal (Limitation Period) Canon 2017 do now pass.

**[287/19] CARRIED**

15.08 The Reverend Marie Aitken moved, The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Canon Concerning Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017 be approved in principle. **CARRIED**

**20/18** The Reverend Marie Aitken moved, The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Canon Concerning Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017 do now pass. **[262/44] CARRIED**

15.09 The Reverend Marie Aitken moved, The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Canon Concerning Confessions (Vulnerable Persons) Canon 2017 be approved in principle. **CARRIED**

**21/18** The Reverend Marie Aitken to move, The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach seconding, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Canon Concerning Confessions (Vulnerable Persons) Canon 2017 do now pass. **[272/41] CARRIED**

Synod adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.37pm.

Synod reconvened at 4.07pm.

#### **Legislation (continued)**

15.10 Mr Alan Dungey moved, The Reverend John Ward seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017 be approved in principle. **CARRIED**

**22/18** Mr Alan Dungey moved, The Reverend John Ward seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017 do now pass. **[273/18] CARRIED**

15.11 Mr Alan Dungey moved, The Reverend John Ward seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Canon Concerning Services (Amendment) Canon 2017 be approved in principle. **CARRIED**

**23/18** Mr Alan Dungey moved, The Reverend John Ward seconded, that a Bill for a Statute to Adopt the Canon Concerning Services (Amendment) Canon 2017 do now pass. **[284/19] CARRIED**

15.12 Dr Carolyn Tan moved, The Reverend Lorna Green seconded, that a Bill to amend the Social Responsibilities Statute 2009 be approved in principle. **CARRIED**

**24/18** Dr Carolyn Tan moved, The Reverend Lorna Green seconded, that a Bill to amend the Social Responsibilities Statute 2009 do now pass. **[293/20] CARRIED**

#### **16 Motion for Legislation not endorsed by Diocesan Council**

The Reverend Gail Falconer moved, Mr Adrian Jones seconded, that a Bill to amend the Parish Governance Statute 2016 be approved in principle. **CARRIED**

The Reverend Gail Falconer moved, Mr Adrian Jones seconded, that further discussion on the Bill be made an Order of the Day later in the session. **[204/94] CARRIED**

The President adjourned the debate of this motion until 1.00pm on Sunday 7 October 2018.

**17 Orders of the Day – Saturday 6 October 2018 at 5.00pm****17.01 Welcome to The Reverend Edna Sang**

The President welcomed The Reverend Edna Sang from the Diocese of Eldoret.

**25/18 Retiring Clergy**

The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot moved, The Right Reverend Jeremy James seconded, That this Synod thanks The Reverend Deborah Joyce, The Reverend Les Marshall, The Reverend Tony Murray-Feist, The Reverend Gerry Nixon, The Venerable Lionel Snell, The Reverend David Wood and The Reverend Dr Anna Killigrew for their ministry in the Diocese and wishes them a happy, restful and blessed retirement and calls upon the President to make presentations to them on behalf of the Diocesan family. **CARRIED with acclamation**

**Evening Prayer** was led by the Chaplain.

**26/18 Mar Thoma Welcome**

The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot moved, The Right Reverend Jeremy James seconded, That this Synod welcome The Reverend Jacob John as Vicar to the Mar Thoma Church community in Perth, noting the Mar Thoma Church is in full communion with the Anglican Church of Australia. We wish The Reverend Jacob John well for his ministry to the Mar Thoma community in Perth. **CARRIED**

Synod adjourned for dinner at 5.27pm.

Synod reconvened at 7.40pm.

**18 Motions for which notice had been given****18.01 Faithfulness in Service**

The Venerable Lionel Snell sought the leave of Synod to introduce the motion in an amended form.

That this Synod requests the Diocesan Council to consider the November 2016 version of *Faithfulness in Service, a national code for personal behaviour and the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and church workers*, adopted by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, or a similar code of conduct, when amending the Professional Standards Statute 2015 and/or introducing any Clergy Statute. **LEAVE GRANTED**

**27/18** The Venerable Lionel Snell moved, Mr Eric Ross-Adjie seconded, That this Synod requests the Diocesan Council to consider the November 2016 version of *Faithfulness in Service, a national code for personal behaviour and the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and church workers*, adopted by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, or a similar code of conduct, when amending the Professional Standards Statute 2015 and/or introducing any Clergy Statute. **[253/18] CARRIED**

**28/18 St George's Cathedral**

The Very Reverend Richard Pengelley moved, Dr Bill Leadbetter seconded, That this Synod:

- 1 Appreciates the role of St George's Cathedral as the Mother Church of the Diocese of Perth;
- 2 extends its thanks to members of this Synod, and others, who have worked to develop the Cathedral's new Mission Plan;
- 3 recognises the Mission Plan as the aspirational document of the next stage of the life of the Cathedral; and
- 4 offers prayerful support for the implementation and success of the Mission Plan.

**[193/82] CARRIED**

**29/18 Homelessness**

Mr Ian Carter AM moved, The Reverend Ross Jones seconded,  
That this Synod:

- 1 Notes that since the release of the 2016 Census data, there continues to be more than 10,000 West Australians experiencing homelessness on any given night - no reduction in the number of people impacted since 2011;
  - 2 acknowledges that many caring agencies, including St Bartholomew's House and Anglicare WA, are part of an alliance which is focussed on ending homelessness in Western Australia within a decade, based on similar successful campaigns overseas;
  - 3 urges all Anglicans, parishes, schools and agencies to read and support the Western Australian Strategy to End Homelessness - a 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness;
  - 4 urges all Anglicans, parishes, schools and agencies to register their support via the #EndhomelessnessWA website [www.endhomelessnesswa.com](http://www.endhomelessnesswa.com) and the Everybody's Home Campaign [www.everbodyshome.com.au](http://www.everbodyshome.com.au); and
  - 5 urges all Anglicans, parishes, schools and agencies to commit to holding/sponsoring at least one awareness raising event over the next 12 months and informing St Bartholomew's House and Anglicare WA of their event.
- [260/11] CARRIED**

**30/18 Thanks for BCA**

The Reverend Neil Walthew moved, The Reverend Richard Minol seconded,  
That this Synod thanks God for 100 years of Mission by the Bush Church Aid Society, Reaching Australia for Christ in remote and regional Australia, to be celebrated on 26 May 2019 and asks parishes to mark this anniversary with a prayer, or using resources made available by the Bush Church Aid Society, in Sunday services on 26 May 2019.

**[262/5] CARRIED**

**Closing Prayers** were led by the Chaplain, The Reverend Nick Russell.

Synod adjourned at 8.30pm.