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Hawkins

Minute of an Extraordinary Meeting of Diocesan Council held at the Tramsheds Complex, Inveresk, Launceston on Friday 17 May 2002.

Present:*Ex Officio Members*

The Bishop
 The Vicar General
 The Church Advocate
 The Diocesan Treasurer
 The Registrar

Appointed by the Bishop

The Reverend Ross Flint
 The Reverend Chris Jones

Elected Members - Northern Mission Region

The Reverend Roger Hesketh
 The Reverend Andrew Lang
 Mr David Plumridge

Elected Members - Southern Mission Region

The Reverend Henry Ivey
 Mr Arthur Hinsley

Mrs Jeanne Wherrett

*Elected Member - Youth Gathering**Representative*

Miss Jenny Clifton

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

The Bishop advised the members of the Council that the Reverend Garth Hawkins had been found guilty, by a properly constituted Diocesan Tribunal, of 8 charges of Disgraceful Conduct relating to Mr Steven Fisher and a further 3 charges of Disgraceful Conduct against another adult male.

The Bishop explained that

- ◆ He had received the Tribunal's decisions, but not the reasons for those decisions.
- ◆ He required the reasons prior to determining penalty
- ◆ Because of the imminent departure of the Deputy President for overseas it may be some time before those reasons were received.

The Bishop requested the concurrence of the Diocesan Council to suspend the Licence of Garth Hawkins until the report was received and the Bishop was able to make a properly informed decision.

In accordance with Section 11(a) of the Ministry and Tribunal Ordinance a motion that:

This Diocesan Council concurs with the Bishop's decision to suspend the Licence of Garth Hawkins until the Bishop has made a determination in relation to penalty following receipt of the Diocesan Tribunal's reasons for its decisions.

was carried without dissent.

No further business was discussed.

The meeting closed with prayer.