

**Diocese of Newcastle**  
**Third Session of the**  
**FORTY-NINTH SYNOD**  
**Minutes of the Second Day**  
**SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2010**  
**Synod reconvened at 1:00pm**

**1. PRAYERS**

**2. PRESIDENT DECLARED SYNOD RECONVENED**

Saturday's Minutes were presented to the President and approved for signature.

**3. There were no QUESTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN TO BE ANSWERED**

**4. There were no NOTICES OF QUESTION**

**5. There were no PETITIONS**

**6. NOTICES OF MOTION TO BE GIVEN**

Leave was given for a procedural motion:

**Mr Keith Allen moved; seconded by Bishop Peter**

*"That ballot papers from Saturday's election for the position of Canon be destroyed."*

**7. SYNOD BUSINESS**

**11.2 The Administration of Parishes Ordinance 2010**

Synod moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

**The Right Reverend Peter Stuart moved; seconded by the Chancellor**

*"That the Bill for the 'Administration of Parishes Ordinance 2010' be approved in principle."*

**CARRIED**

**The Right Reverend Peter Stuart moved; seconded by the Chancellor**

*"That the Bill as amended do pass."*

**CARRIED**

The President gave his **Assent** to the Bill.

**11.3 Clerical Ministry Ordinance (Amendment) Ordinance 2010**

**The Right Reverend Peter Stuart moved; seconded by the Chancellor**

*"That the Bill for the 'Clerical Ministry Ordinance (Amendment) Ordinance 2010' be approved in principle."*

Synod moved into Committee to discuss the Bill.

The Chair of Committees reported the resolution of the Committee.

The Chair of Committees certified a copy of the Bill.

**The Right Reverend Peter Stuart moved; seconded by the Chancellor**

*"That the Bill as amended do now pass."*

**CARRIED**

The President gave his **Assent** to the Bill.

**8. DIOCESAN MINISTRY BUDGET 2011, PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS 2011 AND MISSIONARY TARGETS 2011**

**12.1 2011 Diocesan Ministry Budget and 2011 Parish Contributions**

**The Very Reverend Dr James Rigney moved; seconded by The Reverend Canon Sonia Roulston**

*“In consequence of the passage of the Administration of Parishes Ordinance and the need for the Diocesan Business Manager to consult with parishes, the Diocesan Ministry Budget is referred to Diocesan Council.”* **CARRIED**

**12.2 2011 Missionary Targets**

**The Reverend Canon Katherine Bowyer moved; seconded by The Reverend Canon Stephen Williams**

*“That the proposed Missionary Targets for 2011 as tabled before this Synod on pages 427-428 of the business paper be approved.”* **CARRIED**

**9. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**GENERAL MOTIONS**

**14.1 The Reverend Les Forester moved; seconded by The Reverend Canon Hugh Bright**

*“That this Synod:*

- 1. Acknowledges that the Church is required by God to foster relationships of the utmost respect, integrity and trustworthiness.*
- 2. Confesses that we are called to create a loving community which model Christian values, and that any cases of bullying and harassment are unacceptable.*
- 3. Recognises that experience has shown how difficult it is to restore relationships once formal procedures have been invoked, and that education, early intervention, mediation and restorative justice are of great value.*
- 4. Draws the attention of Diocesan Council to:*
  - a. “Dignity at Work” the anti-harassment policy of the Church of England <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/lifeevents/ministry/workofmindiv/dracsc/dignity>*
  - b. The Church of England Model Policy for Dioceses.*
  - c. Anti-bullying education in the Diocese of Melbourne.*
  - d. The Church of England Grievance Procedure.*
- 5. Requests Diocesan council to provide policy and education so that his Church can nurture a culture of safe relationships, dignity and respect, in order to minimise the need for formal complaints and action in response to any bullying or harassment.* **CARRIED**

**14.2 Archdeacon Copeman moved; seconded by Archdeacon Pullin**

*“That Standing Order 62 be deleted.”*

**WITHDRAWN**

**10. REPORTS AND FINANCE****15.24 The Reverend Canon Hugh Bright moved; seconded by Ms Bev Birch**

*"That the Report of the Diocesan Council and Accounts of the Diocesan General Fund be received."*

**CARRIED****11. VALEDICTORY MOTIONS  
MOTIONS OF APPRECIATION****11.1 Mr Greg Hanson moved; seconded by Dr. Anne Taylor**

*"That this Synod expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Chancellor, Mr Paul Rosser QC; Chairman of Committees, Mr Keith Allen; the Diocesan Business Manager, Mr John Cleary, the Assistant Bishop, The Right Reverend Peter Stuart, the Diocesan office staff, the Synod Secretaries, The Reverend Stephen Moore and Mrs Judy Walsh; Elizabeth Keevers and Fordtronic, for their care and attention to detail in and about the running and reporting of this Synod."*

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION****11.2 Moved by the Reverend Canon Stephen Williams; seconded by Mr Malcolm Campbell**

*"That this Synod expresses its thanks to the President for the patient and understanding manner in which he has chaired this Third Session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese."*

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**The Bishop closed with a blessing.**

**The Third Session of the Forty-Ninth Synod of the Diocese of Newcastle concluded at 2:50pm on Sunday 24 October 2010.**

**Confirmed as a correct record,**

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**PRESIDENT**

**Date:**