

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SYNOD
HELD IN THE COWPER ROOM, ST ANDREW'S HOUSE, SYDNEY
ON THURSDAY 24 AND FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER, 1991

The Standing Committee met at 9.30am on Thursday 24 October and adjourned at 11.00am. A Service to mark the Inauguration of the Primate was held in St Andrew's Cathedral at 11.45am. A Buffet Luncheon and Welcome for the Primate was held in the Bishop Barry Centre, St Andrew's Cathedral School at 1.00pm. Standing Committee reconvened at 3.00pm and with a dinner adjournment, concluded at 9.30pm. On Friday 25 October the Meeting resumed at 9.30am and with breaks concluded at 3.40pm.

PRESENT:

- The Archbishop of Melbourne
(The Most Reverend Dr K Rayner, Primate)
in the Chair
- The Archbishop of Sydney
(The Most Reverend D.W.B. Robinson)
- The Archbishop of Perth
(The Most Reverend Dr P.F. Carnley)
- The Archbishop of Brisbane
(The Most Reverend P.J. Hollingworth)
- The Archbishop of Adelaide
(The Most Reverend I.G.C. George)
- The Bishop of Tasmania
(The Right Reverend P.K. Newell)
- The Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn
(The Right Reverend O.D. Dowling)
- The Right Reverend E.D. Cameron
- The Reverend Canon B.J. Greaves
- Mr M.F. Horton
- The Right Reverend R.F. Appleby
- The Reverend Canon L.F. Bartlett
- The Right Reverend R.H. Goodhew
- The Right Reverend J.A. Grant
- The Very Reverend R.W. Hurford
- The Very Reverend D.J.L. Richardson
- The Venerable S.M. Smith
- Mr F.J. Brown
- Mr D.J. Bleby QC
- Mr N.M. Cameron
- Mr G.R. Christmas
- Mr R.F.S. Crosbie
- Mr J. Monro
- Dr M.L. Porter
- Mr N.C. Reid
- Mr R. Tong
- The General Secretary (Mr J.G. Denton)

In attendance:

- Mr A. Scarra (Honorary Treasurer,
Friday)
- Mr F.D. Luxford (re Finance)
- Miss C.L. Rivers (Director of Information, Sydney)
- Deaconess M.A. Rodgers }
- Mrs S.M. Davey } (General Synod Office)

Item 11. Elections

Nominated as the lay-person:

Dr M.L. Porter - by Mr R.F.S. Crosbie
Mr R. Tong - by Bishop R.H. Goodhew

A ballot was held and Dr M.L. Porter was elected.

(5) Standing Committee of General Synod

Vacancies due to:

Retirement of Bishop O.S. Heyward - House of Bishops
Movement of Archbishop I.G. George - House of Clergy to
House of Bishops
Resignation of Archdeacon A.C. Nichols - House of Clergy

Bishop E.D. Cameron moved, seconded by Archbishop P.J. Hollingworth:

that the vacancies on this Standing Committee be not now filled.

Discussion took place.

Mr D.J. Bleby moved, seconded by Dean D.J.L. Richardson:

that after the word vacancies 'other than the vacancy caused by the retirement of Bishop O.S. Heyward' be included.

The amendment was put.

CARRIED

The amended motion was then put

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Discussion took place.

Canon L.F. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mr R.F.S. Crosbie:

that the previous motion be rescinded.

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Mr D.J. Bleby moved, seconded by Dean D.J.L. Richardson:

that Bishop R.F. Appleby be appointed to the vacancy on the Standing Committee caused by the resignation of Bishop O.S. Heyward, to take effect from 29 February, 1992, subject to Bishop R.F. Appleby being installed as Bishop of the Northern Territory.

CARRIED

Discussion took place regarding the legality of whether vacancies on the Standing Committee were to be filled by certified nominated members of General Synod or persons known to be nominated members to General Synod.

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The question was given to the Legal Committee to investigate over the luncheon break.

Mr D.J. Bleby on behalf of the Legal Committee reported persons known to be nominated as members to the next ordinary session of General Synod were eligible.

The following were nominated:

The Reverend Howard Dillon -	by Mr R.F.S. Crosbie.
The Reverend Bruce Ballantine-Jones -	by Mr R. Tong
The Venerable Lou Daniels -	by Bishop P.K. Newell
The Reverend Barbara Darling -	by Dr M.L. Porter
The Very Reverend Graham Lawrence -	Bishop R.F. Appleby

A ballot was held and the Venerable Lou Daniels and the Reverend Barbara Darling were elected.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

(1) Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn (91.088)

Tallimba Land transfer. Ratification of Diocesan boundaries under Canon 10 of 1973

Mr D.J. Bleby moved, seconded by Mr J. Monro:

that the Legal Committee be asked to prepare a relevant Canon for the next ordinary session of General Synod.

CARRIED

(2) Assistant Bishops and the House of Bishops (Resolution 61/89) (91.120)

Canon L.F. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mr D.J. Bleby:

that the questions set out at Item 44 of 91.120 be addressed by the Standing Committee at its next meeting so that Items 1-43 together with the answers should be submitted to General Synod by way of a report.

CARRIED

It was requested that the document be placed early in the agenda for the March meeting of the Standing Committee.

(3) Liturgical Welcome for Primate.

The Primate expressed appreciation to the Liturgical Commission for the form of liturgical worship for the Inauguration of Primate.

The members of the Standing Committee warmly applauded the expression.