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## Circular to members of the Synod

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As you may be aware, at its recent session, the Synod passed a number of resolutions which warrant the particular attention of Synod members.

The resolutions are as follows –

### **14/13 Goal of a paperless Synod**

Synod, noting the initial steps towards reducing the distribution of materials to Synod members in printed form by the passing of the *Synod (Electronic Communications) Amendment Ordinance 2013* (the “Electronic Communications Ordinance”), adopts the goal of operating on an essentially paperless basis by the 51<sup>st</sup> Synod (in 2017) and to this end –

- (a) requests the Standing Committee to make regulations under clause 6B(4) of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* along the lines outlined in the Explanatory Statement for the Electronic Communications Ordinance and to review the scope of those regulations from time to time, and
- (b) encourages members, where possible, to download electronic forms of Synod documents on tablets or laptops for use during Synod sessions in preference to using printed forms, and
- (c) requests the Registrar to ask the members of the 50<sup>th</sup> Synod whether they opt to continue receiving printed forms of the Synod book and other large documents for use during sessions of this Synod and to report this information to the first session of this Synod, and
- (d) requests the Secretariat, in light of this information, to consider and report to the Standing Committee on further steps that might be taken to achieve the goal of a paperless Synod, and
- (e) requests the Standing Committee, when choosing a venue for sessions of the 51<sup>st</sup> Synod, to take into account the provision of recharging points and the capacity of the venue to support Synod members accessing and downloading Synod documents by Wi-Fi during these sessions.

### **19/13 Review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of Mission**

Synod, noting the [report](#) on the review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of Mission, requests its members to provide comment on the draft early exposure of a possible new Diocesan Mission outlined in the report by 30 November 2013, with a view to a new Diocesan Mission being prepared by the Archbishop and Standing Committee, and circulated to Synod members by 1 August 2014 for consideration at the 2014 session of Synod.

### **20/13 Church planting models for Greenfield Areas**

Synod, noting the [report](#) on the strategy for ministry in Greenfield and Brownfield areas of the Diocese, invites its members to submit comments on the holistic strategy for promoting ministry in Greenfield and Brownfield areas of the Diocese to the CPTF by 31 December 2013.

## **26/13 Thanksgiving for Indigenous churches and fellowships**

Synod –

- (a) thanks God for those who first brought the gospel to this land and proclaimed it to our first peoples,
- (b) thanks God for the thousands of Indigenous believers who in past days have faithfully run the race set before them,
- (c) thanks God for the leadership and members of the Indigenous churches and fellowships presently meeting in the Diocese at Glebe, Mt Druitt, Campbelltown and Nowra, and for plans to commence a work located in Redfern,
- (d) thanks God for efforts of the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee is making to grow these and other ministries,
- (e) calls on parishes and members to join in prayer for the continuing growth of the gospel among the Indigenous communities in the Diocese, and
- (f) urges parishes to consider prayer, financial and other forms of partnership with our Indigenous churches and fellowships beyond the present funding and other support provided under the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Ordinance.

## **31/13 Synod in 2014**

Synod supports the First Ordinary Session of the 50<sup>th</sup> Synod in 2014 being held over 5 days on the basis that the meeting will commence at the usual time of 3.15pm on each of those days.

If you have received this circular as an email attachment, you will note a suitable link has been provided in resolutions 19/13 and 20/13 to the reports on the review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of Mission and the strategy for ministry in Greenfield and Brownfield areas of the Diocese.

Please feel free to direct any comments to me about the matters raised in these reports by email at [rjw@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:rjw@sydney.anglican.asn.au) or by post to –

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