

Questions: 20 October 2009

The Rev David Clarke to ask –

1. Could a brief historical background be made available to members of Synod with regards to the establishment of the Endowment of the See and the Diocesan Endowment in particular covering why two separate funds were originally established, and what was to be paid for from each fund?

To which the President replied –

1. I am informed that the answer is as follows -

The colonial government granted five estates (or glebes) to the Church of England in the mid 1800's for the purpose of providing an income to the colonial Church to fund its activities. Each of the glebes, with one exception, was associated with a particular church. The fifth glebe, which became known as Bishopthorpe, was given for the maintenance of the Bishop of Australia and his successors. The Archbishop of Sydney was declared by legislation to be successor to the Bishop of Australia.

Much of the glebe land was subdivided and leased on long term leases for the construction of residential accommodation. The leases provided poor returns due to an absence of rent review provisions. The Glebe Administration Board was created in 1930 for the purpose of managing the glebe property more efficiently.

The ground leases began expiring in the 1950's and the Glebe Board redeveloped and sold off significant portions of the glebe land in the 1960s and 70s. These sale proceeds formed the corpus of the Diocesan Endowment. The investment income from the endowment was used for general diocesan purposes such as evangelism, education and social welfare, much as it is today.

It is understood that the fund now known as the Endowment of the See was derived from the sale of the Bishopthorpe glebe and the Archbishop's portion of the Moorebank Estate, bequeathed by Thomas Moore. In the 1970's, as a result of the passing of a number of ordinances, the assets of the Endowment of the See were vested in three different trustees - the Glebe Board, the Property Trust and the St

Andrew's House Corporation. The Standing Committee decided that the assets should be consolidated with trusteeship vested in the Property Trust. It was also decided that a committee should be formed for the purpose of managing the assets of the Endowment of the See and consulting with the Archbishop as to how the investment income should be applied. To this end the Endowment of the See Ordinance was passed in 1977.

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The Rev Ian Millican to ask –

2. Can the Archbishop please advise which schools contributed financially to the work of the Anglican Education Commission during 2008, and how much each of those schools contributed?

To which the President replied –

2. I am informed that the answer is as follows -

Anglican schools were asked to commit to contributing a minimum of 0.1 of 1% of the income from tuition fees to the work of the AEC. Many schools gave that commitment, while others have given a donation. A list of the schools that did contribute financially to the work of AEC in 2008 will be given to the questioner and posted on the notice board in the foyer.

Anglican Education Commission - 2008 School Contributions

School	2008 Contribution Received
Abbotsleigh	\$22,500
Arden Anglican School	\$5,100
Bankstown Grammar School	\$3,700
Barker College	\$5,000
Blue Mountains Grammar School	\$6,000
Broughton Anglican College	\$5,000
Macarthur Anglican School	\$6,600
Mosman Church of England Prep School	\$4,300
Northholm Grammar School	\$5,600
Shore School	\$20,900
St Andrew's Cathedral School	\$16,000
St Catherine's School	\$11,600
St Peter's Anglican Primary School	\$1,800
Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation	\$189,000
Tara Anglican School for Girls	\$12,800
The Illawarra Grammar School	\$8,500
The King's School	\$15,000
Trinity Grammar School	\$30,100
William Clarke College	\$4,700

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The Rev Richard Blight to ask –

3. Would you provide a list of grants by the Western Sydney and Georges River Regions to parishes and other ministries for the period of their last report to Synod in the same format as that provided by the other regions?

Would you consider encouraging all the Regional Councils to include this information in their future annual reports to Synod in order to improve communication with parishes and Synod and to facilitate research?

To which the President replied –

3. I am informed that the answer is as follows –

Given the complexity of the data, the breakdown of grants by the Western Sydney and Georges River regions will be provided to the questioner and posted on the notice board in the foyer.

The Archdeacons for each of the aforementioned regions have indicated that they are prepared to seek inclusion of the breakdown of grant monies in the annual reports of their Regional Councils. It is noted that the Archdeacons gave a similar undertaking in an answer to the same question last year and they apologise for the omission this year.

WESTERN REGION 2008 MINISTRY GRANTS		
NAME	PURPOSE	Amount \$
Auburn St Thomas	Chinese	25,000
Blacktown	Sudanese	10,000
Cherrybrook	Youth	10,000
Cranebrook	Assistant	32,000
Dundas/Telopea	Youthworks scholarship	7,500
Dural District	Youth	20,000
Dural District	Assistant	13,000
Glenmore Park	Children	10,000
Glenmore Park	Women	5,000
Glenmore Park	Young adults	20,000
Katoomba	Family	10,000
Kellyville	Children	15,000
Kurrajong	Children	10,000
Mt Drutt	Youth	30,000
Mt Drutt	Children & family	30,000
Northmead/Winston Hills	Assistant	20,000
Parramatta	Persian	15,000
Parramatta	Chinese	15,000
Quakers Hill	Children & Youth	10,000
Richmond	Children	3,000
Rouse Hill	Children & Youth	20,000
Seven Hills	African	20,000
South Penrith	Children & youth	8,702
St Marys	Assistant	20,000
Springwood	Youthworks scholarship	7,500
UWS Hawkesbury	Chaplain	9,000
UWS Parramatta	Chaplain	35,000
UWS Nirimba	Church Plant	5,000
UWS Nirimba	Chaplain	5,000
UWS Penrith	Chaplain	35,000
Wentworthville	Dinka Minister	27,500
Westmead	Children	15,000
Wilberforce	Church Planter	15,000
TOTAL		533,202

**GEORGES RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL GRANTS
FOR 2008**

Parish/Organisation	Ministry to be Funded	Grant 2008
Beverly Hills-Kingsgrove	Children & Youth (C&Y)	10,000
Beverly Hills-Kingsgrove	Church Planting MTS	36,000
Blakehurst	MTS worker	10,000
Blakehurst	C&Y	790
Brighton-Rockdale	Asian ministry	35,500
Campsie	Mandarin ministry	10,000
Earlwood	C&Y	5,000
Earlwood	Rent assistance	12,000
Fairfield	C&Y	15,000
Fairfield	Assistant Minister	40,000
Georges Hall	C&Y	2,000
Hoxton Park	Assistant Minister	17,000
Hurstville	ABC minister	42,000
Hurstville	MTS worker	10,000
Kogarah	Chinese lay assistant	15,000
Kogarah	ABC - C&Y	10,000
Kogarah	Student minister - Mandarin	6,000
Liverpool South	South-Asian ministry	11,000
Liverpool South	C&Y	790
Lugarno	C&Y	10,000
Padstow	C&Y	10,000
Regents Park	Vietnamese ministry	33,000
Riverwood	C&Y	6,000
Sadleir	C&Y	10,000
Sadleir	Minister	25,000
South Carlton	Assistant Minister	5,000
Smithfield Rd	C&Y	20,790
St George North	Asian Pastor	5,000
St George North	C&Y	11,580
St George North	MTS workers (2)	20,000
<u>Regional Council</u>		
ESL Coordinator		27,000
C&Y Coordinator		10,000
Arabic Minister		75,000
Administration & Property		4,290
Total		560,740

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Dr Robert Mackay to ask –

4. With regard to the appointment of Mission Leaders as outlined on the document Strategic Directions 2010-2012 and its appendix –
 - (a) What is envisaged as the respective input of the Archbishop, Mission Board and others in the appointment process?
 - (b) What might be the criterion used in this appointment process?
 - (c) What is the anticipated appointment period?
 - (d) Notwithstanding the “desired outcomes” is it intended there be a more formal appraisal process? If so, by whom?

To which the President replied –

4.
 - (a) The final appointments are made by me. As indicated in the document, I will certainly take advice from people such as the Assistant Bishops, the Mission Board and local rectors before making those appointments.
 - (b) I would consider various criteria, including experience, gifts and abilities, and the willingness and initiative in working with fellow clergy.
 - (c) The initial appointments will probably be for 3 years.
 - (d) As these are my appointments, I would, in consultation with Bishop Ivan Lee, assess the effectiveness of the program with advice from the Mission Board.

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The Rev Glenn Farrell to ask –

5. My question relates to the resolution 8.4 on page 33 of the Report of the Standing Committee. In resolution 25/03 –

Synod requested that we undertake the preparation for the production and distribution of a clear and unambiguous booklet suitable for wide distribution, examining the key rights (sic), teachings and beliefs of Freemasonry and explaining why they differ from Christianity and explaining why it is wrong for a Christian to belong to the Lodge.

The report of Standing Committee notes that the Principal of Moore Theological College has been asked to arrange for the College to prepare, in consultation with the Archbishop, the booklet referred to in Synod resolution 25/03.

My question is in two parts –

- (a) Why has it taken five years for this resolution to be acted upon the Standing Committee?
- (b) Would an outline of key milestone dates be provided for the preparation, publication and distribution of this booklet?

To which the President replied –

5. I am informed that the answer is as follows –

- (a) My answer to a question at last year's synod indicated that I commissioned a well-known author to prepare a booklet. Preliminary work was undertaken and a large amount of material was examined. However, after consultation and consideration, it was realised that there are already a number of publications available which cover the issues, and that the time, effort and finance involved in producing a new publication may not be a priority, and that I was happy to refer the matter back to Standing Committee for its advice. Standing Committee then decided to ask the Principal of Moore Theological College to arrange for a booklet to be prepared, which he has agreed to do.
- (b) It is hoped that the booklet will be available for distribution by the next session of Synod.

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Dr Sara Denize to ask –

6. (a) What has been, and will be, the Diocesan response (with particular reference to the actions that have been taken or which are planned by various Diocesan bodies, such as the Anglican Education Commission, Anglican Youthworks and the Social Issues Executive) to the continuing and persistent efforts of the St James Ethics Centre to develop and pilot a secular ethics curriculum which is proposed as an alternative to SRE in State Public Primary Schools?
- (b) Given that most State School SRE programs are delivered by joint-denominational teams, and in light of claims by the St James Ethics Centre that “many of the faith-based groups with whom the Centre consulted welcomed the possibility of an ethics-based course”, will this response take into account the views of the other Christian churches who share with us in the SRE program?

To which the President replied –

6. I am informed that the answer is as follows –

- (a) The Diocesan position on the provision of Religious Education in Government schools is outlined in the Diocesan Education Policy, adopted by Synod in 2007. Every student in a Government Primary School is entitled to General Religious Education (GRE) taught by the regular teacher. The teaching and modelling of ethics occurs on a daily basis in every primary classroom in every school, though it is not necessarily labelled as ethics. Sadly GRE has declined in recent years and the whole community is the poorer.

The Diocese remains committed to the teaching of Special Religious Education (SRE) by voluntary and paid representatives of the approved churches/denominations to the children whose parents have agreed to their being taught by such representatives. The Diocese regrets that a large number of students in many schools are denied SRE because the churches (including our own) have not been able to provide trained and authorised personnel to deliver the lessons. We continue to work to remedy this situation.

I have written to the NSW Minister for Education and Training concerning the proposal by the St James Ethics Centre seeking the opportunity for a personal conversation. So far I have not received a reply. I will follow up on this matter.

It is noted that according to its website, St James Ethics Centre is a fully independent, not-for-profit organisation with no political or religious affiliations.

- (b) I have also begun consulting with other Christian denominations about these proposals. We will also ask the NSW Council of Churches to discuss the matter and respond.

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The Rev James Rogers to ask –

7. Are there any plans to produce full DVDs of the recent *Inspiring People* panel discussions?

If so, how and when will they be made available?

If there are presently no plans, would the relevant body or bodies consider producing full DVDs of the discussions and making them available to churches as tools for their ongoing evangelistic efforts?

To which the President replied –

7. I am informed that the answer is as follows –

Anglican Media plans to produce a DVD containing highlights of the recent Inspiring People events. It will include some complete panels, as well as numerous short clips of panellists. The DVD will be available early next year.

In the meantime, four short clips have been sent to all parishes on the October edition on SX Digital, the audio of some panels will be posted on sydneyanglicans.net over the coming weeks, and the clip shown in synod will be included on November's SX Digital (as will the full Presidential Address).