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**SESSION 1**

**MONDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006**

**7.00PM**

**06.1 OPENING**

Within the Cardiff Church building of the Hunter/Barrington congregation, on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2006, at 7.10pm, the Synod of Eastern Australia met and was constituted with worship, conducted by the Moderator, the Rev SR Tamata.

**06.2 MODERATOR'S SERMON**

Mr Tamata read from I Corinthians 9. He then preached a sermon focusing on the text, "Woe is me if I do not preach the Gospel."

**06.3 ROLLS OF PRESBYTERIES**

The Certified Rolls of Presbyteries were tendered, with apologies for non-attendance from those marked † hereunder.

<b>Northern Presbytery</b>	<b>Ministers</b>	<b>Commissioned Elders</b>
Armidale	DP Smith	K Dawson†
Brisbane	Vacant	J Greensill
Hastings	AL Tripovich	D Hamilton
Northern Rivers	RW Murray†	J McPhee
Residential Supply (Brisbane): W.J.W. Hanna†		

<b>Central Presbytery</b>		
Hawkesbury/Nepean	DK Muldoon	T Reeve
Hunter/Barrington	SR Tamata	S Upton
Manning	WP Gadsby	FN Robinson
St. George's	JA McCallum	DE Kerr
Synod Appointment: T.I. Leggott (Seconded to A.I.M.) Treasurer: Mr A Steel		

<b>Southern Presbytery</b>		
Geelong	Vacant	D Manly
Melbourne (Knox/G'Huntly)	RS Ward	J Louden
Melbourne (Narre Warren)	GD Ball	J Simpson
Ulverstone	Vacant	I Hamilton
Synod Appointment: ER Lee† (retired)		

**06.4 WELCOMES**

The Moderator welcomed members and guests to the meeting of Synod.

**06.5 ELECTION OF NEW MODERATOR**

The Clerk reported that the Rev DP Smith was Moderator-elect. It was moved and seconded that this appointment be confirmed. The motion was carried and Mr Smith took the chair.

**06.6 THANKS**

It was resolved that the retiring Moderator be thanked for his sermon, and that it be published in *The Presbyterian Banner* if possible.

## **06.7 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

The Clerk then presented Proposed Deliverance 1, 2 & 8 of the Administration Committee. It was resolved as follows:

1. That the Timetable proposed by the Administration Committee be approved.
2. That Synod express its sympathy for all those connected with this church who have been bereaved since the last annual meeting of Synod, and particularly the family of the late Mr Neil McPherson, former member of Synod, and that the following memorial minute be included in the record:

Neil Alan McPherson (2/5/1921-19/6/2005) was ordained an elder at St George's in 1947 and was Treasurer of Synod 1949-53 (prior to its enlargement by the reception of the Victorian church). He convened the Provident Funds Committee 1964-71 and was responsible for the institution of the Superannuation Fund, and again acted as Synod treasurer 1971-91. Neil made a notable contribution to Synod debate, always expressing an unwavering confidence in the sovereignty of God. He last sat as a member of Synod in 2000. To his wife Beth, who typed the Synod reports and minutes for many years, and to the family our loving sympathy is expressed.

Mr Muldoon led the court in prayer for those who have been bereaved and gave thanks for the lives of those who have passed away.

8. That Presbyteries and committees be permitted to meet when Synod is not in session.

## **06.8 CLOSURE OF SESSION**

Notices of motion were presented and the session was closed with prayer and the benediction at 8.03pm.

TI Leggott  
Clerk

DP Smith  
Moderator

**SESSION 2**

**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006**

**9.00AM**

The session was opened with praise and prayer at 9.00am.

## **06.9 MODERATOR'S ADDRESS**

The Moderator read from Isaiah 42 , 1 John 3&4 and delivered an address from 1 Corinthians 13 on the subject of God's love, and love in the life of the believer, under the three heads: Love absent, love described and love excelling.

## **06.10 MINUTES**

The minutes of Session 1 were read and confirmed.

## **06.11 THANKS**

It was resolved that the Moderator be thanked for his address, and that it be published in "*The Presbyterian Banner*" if possible.

**06.12 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Clerk presented the Administration Committee's Report. It was resolved that the report be received. After discussion it was resolved that:

3. That Correspondence Items 1,2,3&9 be received and considered under Inter-Church Relations Committee business.
4. That Correspondence Item 4 be received and dealt with under Church & Nation Committee business.
5. That Correspondence Items 5 & 6 be taken as read and received and be dealt with under Law & Advisory Committee business.
6. That Correspondence Item 7 be received and dealt with under the report from Southern Presbytery.
7. That Correspondence Item 8 be received and dealt with under Training of Ministry.
9. That proposals for changes to the Committee Structure be in the hands of the Clerk by midday on Wednesday.
10. That the following examiners of records be appointed: -

Northern Presbytery	Rev. W P Gadsby and Narre Warren elder.
Central Presbytery	Rev. G. Ball and Hastings elder.
Southern Presbytery	Rev. D Muldoon and St George's elder.

**06.13 ASSISTANT CLERK**

It was resolved that the appointment of an Assistant Clerk should be discussed with Committee Structure.

**06.14 TRAINING OF MINISTRY REPORT**

The Convener (Pro tem) Rev George Ball, presented the Report of the Committee. It was resolved that the report be received. There were no Proposed Deliverances attached to this report.

**06.15 CORRESPONDENCE ITEM 8**

The Synod took up consideration Correspondence 8, an overture from the Southern Presbytery regarding the Reception of Rev Tut Wan Yoa. It was resolved to meet in closed court.

**06.16 CLOSURE OF SESSION**

Notices of motion were called for and the session concluded with prayer at 12.30pm.

TI Leggott  
Clerk

DP Smith  
Moderator

**SESSION 3**

**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006**

**2.00PM**

The session was opened with prayer and praise at 2.00pm. The minutes of session 2 were read and confirmed.

Rev G Ball continued with the overture from the Southern Presbytery regarding the reception of Rev Tut Wan Yoa.

It was noted that Mr Yoa had satisfactorily answered the Prescribed Questions and Subscribed to the Formula in the presence of the Southern Presbytery on 8 May 2006. It was resolved that the prayer of the overture be granted in the following terms:

1. That Synod authorise Southern Presbytery to admit Rev T W Yoa as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia eligible for call.
2. Instruct the Clerk to have his name added to the list of registered marriage celebrants,
3. Send greetings to the Presbyterian Church of the Sudan advising them of the reception of Mr Yoa, and
4. Give thanks to the Lord for the provision of such a well-qualified labourer among a numerous and needy people, and assure Mr Yoa of our prayerful interest in his work for the Lord.

It was resolved to meet in open court. Rev TW Yoa was informed of the decision of Synod by the Moderator, and Mr Yoa expressed his thanks to the court.

**06.17 CORRESPONDENCE ITEM 10**

Correspondence was received from the Clerk of Southern Presbytery noting that upon Synod's approval of his admission, Mr Yoa's name was held to be added to the Roll of Southern Presbytery as a minister giving "regular full time residential supply" as required by Act of Synod 1986. It was resolved that the correspondence be received and noted.

**06.18 YOUTH & FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Convener Rev Dr DK Muldoon presented the Committee's report. It was resolved that the report be received. It was resolved that:

1. With thanks to God the Synod acknowledges the gracious work of Mrs Margaret Kinder and Mrs Irene Steel among the youth in our churches.
2. Synod thanks all Sunday School teachers and youth leaders for their hard work and commitment to teaching young people the precious Bible truths.

**06.19 CORRESPONDENCE ITEM 4**

Resignation of Rev Ray Murray as editor of the Youth Magazine, *Run for Glory*. The correspondence was received in terms of Youth & Fellowship Committee resolution 3 below:

3. Synod receives with regret the resignation of Rev Ray Murray as Editor of Run for Glory and its predecessor, Fellowship, since June 1998, and records its appreciation to him and his helpers for the work well done.
4. It was resolved that appointment of a new editor of the youth magazine be deferred and that the Committee would report to a later session.

#### **06.20 CHURCH & NATION COMMITTEE**

The Convener Rev Dr DK Muldoon presented the Committee's report. It was resolved that the report be received.

#### **06.21 PRESBYTERIAN BANNER EDITOR'S REPORT**

The Editor of *The Presbyterian Banner*, the Rev Dr RS Ward presented his report. It was resolved that the report be received.

It was resolved:

1. That Synod thank Rev Dr Rowland Ward for his ministry in editing our church magazine *The Presbyterian Banner*.
2. That Synod thank Rev Peter Gadsby for managing the church website.
3. That Synod approve the second edition of the booklet 'the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia; an Introduction to Beliefs and Practices' for copying and distribution by our congregations.
4. That Synod approve the action of sending letters to the Prime Minister of our nation.
5. That Synod rename the *ex officio* position 'Publications' on the Church and Nation Committee as the 'Editor of *The Presbyterian Banner*'.

It was resolved that appointment of a new editor of *The Presbyterian Banner* be deferred and that the Committee would report to a later session.

#### **06.22 MOTION ON NOTICE:**

It was resolved that:

Synod direct that the Church and Nation Committee make contact with its counterparts in the constituent member churches of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, and other Presbyterian and Reformed bodies such as the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, the Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Australia, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia and the Southern Presbyterian Church with the aims of encouraging good relationships, (b) sharing information and resources such as publications, (c) speaking on matters of common interest and concern and (d) co-ordinating special meetings and/or the visit of suitable overseas speakers.

#### **06.23 ARCHIVIST'S REPORT**

The Archivist, Rev Dr RS Ward presented his report. It was resolved that the report be received. It was further resolved:

1. That Synod request any individuals who may hold old minute books and papers of church courts to return them to the relevant church court or the Archivist, and also recommend that important or rare documents be copied and the original or a copy be lodged in the Archives.

#### **06.24 PRESBYTERY REPORTS**

The Clerk presented the reports as supplied by the Clerks of Presbyteries. It was resolved that the reports be received.

Rev Yoa spoke briefly of his ministry amongst the Sudanese community in Melbourne and of the specific ministry needs amongst the people.

Neil Robinson spoke briefly about his work as a full-time supported worker within the Manning congregation, especially rebuilding contact and building friendships with people from a church background.

#### **06.25 CORRESPONDENCE ITEM 7**

The Synod took up consideration of Correspondence Item 7, an overture from the Southern Presbytery regarding the South Australian property proceeds. It was moved and seconded that the prayer of the overture be granted in the following terms:

That Synod:

1. Approve the application of the proceeds as a Church and Manse Capital Fund of Southern Presbytery for the purchase of places of worship or manses, any income arising from monies retained in the fund being available for payment of house allowance in lieu of manse or for rental of premises for worship, or, if there is no immediate need for the purposes mentioned, the application of any income, after allowing for the effects of inflation, for the repair or maintenance of existing churches and manses.
2. Acknowledge that the previous resolution (1) does not preclude applying these monies or part of them to other purposes should the above purposes become, impossible, impracticable or inappropriate, in which case a duly adopted resolution of Synod will be required which shall not be made without the mind of the Southern Presbytery being first obtained.

#### **06.26 SECOND MOTION**

It was moved as a second motion that the prayer of the overture of Southern Presbytery be granted in the following terms:

1. The proceeds from the South Australian property be placed in the 8:14 Foundation for the benefit of the whole denomination;
2. Acknowledge that the previous resolution (1) does not preclude applying these monies or part of them to other purposes should the above purpose become impossible, impracticable or inappropriate, in which case a duly adopted resolution of Synod will be required.

On the second motion being put against the prayer of the overture, the overture was preferred and became the motion before the court. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

#### **06.27 INTER-CHURCH RELATIONS**

The Convener Rev WP Gadsby presented the Committee's report. Rev G Ball spoke of his attendance at the meeting of the ICRC in October 2005.

#### **06.28 CLOSURE OF SESSION**

Notices of motion were called for and the session concluded with prayer at 6.00pm.

TI Leggott  
Clerk

DP Smith  
Moderator

**SESSION 4**

**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006**

**7.00PM**

The session was opened with prayer and praise at 7.00pm. The minutes of session 3 were read and confirmed.

The Convener of the Inter-Church Relations Committee continued to present his report. The Clerk of Southern Presbytery reported on discussions with the RPCA. The report was received. After questions the Convener presented the proposed deliverances. It was resolved as follows:

1. That the Clerk convey Synod's fraternal greetings to the RCNZ.
2. That Synod authorise the ICR Committee to continue discussions with the FRCA for one more year, in order that the considered position of the FRCA Synod may be known, but ask the FRCA to note that the PCEA is not willing to continue discussions indefinitely, the more particularly as we desire to pursue our ecumenical relationships primarily with members of the ICRC.

Certain Motions on Notice dealing with matters not primarily concerned with ICR business were ruled out of order by the Moderator. The Moderator further ruled that time should be given to discuss the subject matter with Synod going in to a time of Committee following ICR business.

3. That the Clerk convey the greetings of Synod to the CRCA, and encourage the Committee to maintain contact.
4. That Synod encourage the Southern Presbytery and its congregations to maintain and develop contacts with the RPCA, and that Synod send fraternal greetings to the RPCA Presbytery.

**06.29 CORRESPONDENCE ITEM 9**

The letter of greeting from the Clerk of Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia was noted.

The Convener continued to present the proposed resolutions.

5. That the Clerk convey Synod's fraternal greetings to the Free Church of Scotland.
6. That the Clerk convey Synod's fraternal greetings to the RCN(L).
7. That Synod endorse the Committee's action in appointing the Rev. G.D.Ball as our substitute delegate to ICRC 2005, and thank Mr Ball for undertaking this responsibility.

**06.30 MOTION ON NOTICE**

Rev G Ball presented a motion on notice regarding the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland. It was resolved that:

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia recognises in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland a church whose principles and practices are similar to its own, with adherence to the Westminster Confession of Faith a requirement of office bearers. We have benefited in recent years from ministry of Rev GD Ball in Narre Warren. We have entered into formal relations with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia in 2004 in terms of our Fraternal Relations Act 1993. We are both members of the ICRC. The Synod,

therefore, would desire to establish a similar relationship with the RPCI in the hope that we may be able to deepen and further strengthen the bonds of fellowship between us to the glory of God. We are ready to formally institute such a relationship upon the expressed willingness of the RPCI to do the same.

#### **06.31 MOTION ON NOTICE**

Rev Dr RS Ward presented a motion on notice regarding mutual recognition of ministers of the Reformed Church of New Zealand. It was resolved that:

As a consequence of the recognition of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ) by Synod 2002 in terms of our Fraternal Relations Act 1993, the Synod notes that RCNZ consistories may issue calls to ministers of the PCEA. Synod declare their satisfaction with this and acknowledges that Synod has no in principle objection to the reverse procedure, ie. that PCEA presbyteries may process calls to RCNZ ministers.

In neither case does this mutual eligibility impinge on the right and responsibility of the relevant RCNZ or PCEA presbytery to require full and satisfactory presbyterial certificates of character and attainments before admission, including clearance under any relevant child protection legislation, and assurance that any incoming minister is familiar with the historical position of the church he enters as well as its practice and procedure, so that he is able to subscribe the formula of subscription intelligently and heartily, and participate harmoniously and constructively in the life of the church he enters. Where a minister is called by a PCEA congregation such a meeting with the Presbytery (*colloquium doctum*) may take place after a call is issued and before it is accepted in order that the called minister may assess more closely whether he should accept the call and know, should he accept it, that he will be admitted.

This Act may be cited as Mutual Eligibility Act (Reformed Churches of New Zealand) 2006.

The Convener presented proposed deliverance 8. It was resolved that:

8. Synod continue the Committee's remit to pursue formal Fraternal Relations with churches which are members of the International Conference of Reformed Churches.

#### **06.32 SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

At the ruling of the moderator the Synod went in to Committee to discuss the differing views of the days of Creation.

#### **06.33 CLOSURE OF SESSION**

Notices of motion were presented and the session was closed with prayer at 9.00 p.m.

TI Leggott  
Clerk

DP Smith  
Moderator

**SESSION 5**

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006**

**9.00AM**

The session was opened with praise and prayer and the Moderator read from Philippians 1-2:18 and spoke on the challenge to the believer to conduct himself in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. The minutes of session 4 were read and confirmed.

**06.34 SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

The Synod continued in Committee to discuss the differing views of the days of Creation. A Motion on Notice was ruled out of order by the Moderator because it was contrary to the PCEA Practice. Mr Tripovich and Mr D Hamilton tendered simple dissent.

It was resolved that Synod meet to commence the next Session at 1.30pm and to continue to 3.30pm.

**06.35 CLOSURE OF SESSION**

A notice of motion was presented and the session was closed with prayer at 12.30pm.

TI Leggott  
Clerk

DP Smith  
Moderator

**SESSION 6**

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006**

**1.30PM**

The session was opened with praise and prayer at 1.30pm. The minutes of session 5 were read and confirmed.

**06.36 CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS 1,2&3**

Re Returns from: Act anent Admission of Ministers and Probationers from other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches from Synod 2005, remitted to Presbyteries under the Barrier Act.

The Clerk reported that returns from Presbyteries were as follows:

Northern Presbytery: Approved simpliciter

Central Presbytery: Approved simpliciter

Southern Presbytery: Disapproved, with the recommendation that the subject be revisited with a view to more suitable legislation, with comments noted in discussion appended without prejudice.

It was resolved that the matter be remitted to the Law and Advisory Committee for further consideration and report to Synod 2007.

**06.37 MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Since the Moderator was Convener of this Committee he vacated the chair, which was occupied by Mr Tamata. The Convener, the Mr Smith, presented the Committee's report. Mr Leggott spoke of his work with AIM and answered questions. Mr Robinson shared about the Sydney ministry of CWI. Mr Muldoon gave a brief overview of the work in India. It was resolved that the report be received. After discussion, it was resolved:

1. That Synod express its continued prayerful support and interest in the work of Rev Trevor Leggott in his ministry with Australian Indigenous Ministries.
2. That Synod delegates regularly direct their congregations attention to the financial and prayerful support needed for Rev Trevor Leggott in his ministry with Australian Indigenous Ministries.
3. That Synod encourage congregational members to consider volunteering to help as native English speakers in either San Andres or the Annie Soper School.
4. That Synod adopt the budget for 2006 and express general agreement with the estimates for 2007.

**06.38 MOTION ON NOTICE**

Mr Muldoon presented a motion on notice: That Synod approve a grant of \$3000 per annum to Dr Tigi Verghis from the MMMRF fund to support him in the work of relief and development among the rural poor in North India. Dr Verghis is partner with Interserve, an evangelical missionary fellowship. The motion was defeated.

**06.39 CLOSURE OF SESSION**

Notices of motion were called for and the session was closed with prayer at 3.30pm.

TI Leggott  
Clerk

DP Smith  
Moderator

**SESSION 7**

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006**

**7.00PM**

The session was opened with praise and prayer and the Moderator read from Acts 17. Visitors were welcomed to the meeting. It was resolved that reading of the minutes of Session 6 be deferred until the next session.

**06.40 MISSIONS EVENING**

The Clerk gave an outline of the program for the evening. The Clerk then introduced the Rev Paul Morris and Rev Kaychan Park, from Christian Witness to Israel, to the moderator. Mr Morris and Mr Park then spoke about their work ministering with CWI in Sydney and elsewhere. The Moderator thanked Mr Morris and Mr Park for their talk.

The Clerk introduced Mr Harold Dalywaters, leader from the AIM church at Elliott NT, to the Moderator. Mr Dalywaters gave an account of his life and ministry at Elliott. The Moderator thanked Mr Dalywaters.

The Moderator then invited the Rev TW Yoa to address the meeting and share about his background and ministry with the Sudanese community in Melbourne. The Moderator thanked Mr Yoa.

#### **06.41 CLOSURE OF SESSION**

A notice of motion was presented. The session was closed with praise and prayer at 8.45pm.

TI Leggott  
Clerk

DP Smith  
Moderator

### **SESSION 8                    THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006                    9.00AM**

The session was opened with praise and prayer and the Moderator read from 2 Corinthians 5 and spoke of the text, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the sons of God." The minutes of sessions 6 and 7 were read and confirmed.

#### **06.42 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Convener, Mr AH Steel, presented the Committee's report. It was resolved that the report be received. It was further resolved that:

1. We record our thanks to God for the adequacy of temporal blessing enjoyed during 2005. This has enabled us to meet all our needs for another year.
2. Adjustment of Minimum Stipend (Excluding Manse, Car and Telephone) for 2006/2007 be made on 1<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> July in line with the movement in the *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (Full-time adult ordinary time earnings)* as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. In the event of a negative movement in any six monthly review period, no adjustment be made.
3. Synod amend Act 12 Class 2, Synod 1982 to delete the words "or other supply" in Clause (2) and to add new clause 3, thus:  
  
    "3. The provisions of (2) above apply to ministers, probationers, students and missionaries of the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia. In regard to supply by others, the figures stated are not obligatory but may be varied according to local circumstances as determined by Deacons' Courts."
4. Stipend Relief for 2006/2007 be granted to the following Deacons' Courts, on a strictly needs basis: \$19,350 - Armidale (Approximately 50% of minimum stipend)  
    \$18,000 - Hawkesbury/Nepean  
    \$ 7,000 - Narre Warren

5. In the event of a settlement occurring in the Ulverstone charge during 2006/2007 Stipend Relief be granted up to approximately 50% (\$19,350) of the minimum stipend on a pro rata basis for the Synodical year. Such assistance be available on a strictly needs basis.

#### **06.43 8:14 FOUNDATION REPORT**

The Convener, Mr AH Steel, presented the report of the 8:14 Foundation. It was resolved that the report be received. It was further resolved that:

1. Net rents received from the student accommodation in the Armidale church/manse building, continue to be used by the Deacons' Court, to assist in payment of ministerial Stipend and Superannuation contributions, if required, the position to be reviewed and reported to Synod annually.

#### **06.44 MOTION ON NOTICE**

Mr Ward presented a motion on notice and it was resolved that: Given the strength of the 8.14 Foundation funds at present compared with those available for Stipend Relief, and considering the particular needs and strategic importance of the Armidale Congregation, Synod make the currently outstanding loan to Armidale of \$19,501 a gift to that congregation.

#### **06.45 GENERAL TREASURER'S REPORT**

The General Treasurer, Mr AH Steel, presented his report. It was resolved that the report be received. There were no proposed deliverances.

#### **06.46 MOTION ON NOTICE**

The Clerk presented a motion on notice and it was resolved that: Synod confirm the action of the General Treasurer in purchasing a new iMac G5 computer and *AppleCare Protection Plan* for the cost of \$2,525. The amount to be charged against *Synod General Funds* and deducted from the balance of the IC McKinnon Bequest of \$14,161 as at 31/12/05 (Original bequest \$11,830).

#### **06.47 SUPERANNUATION COMMITTEE**

The Convener, Mr Ward, presented the Committee's report. It was resolved that the report be received.

#### **06.48 PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON DAYS OF CREATION AT SYNOD 2007**

The informal committee reported that it appeared the suggested conference was not needed given the measure of unity in Synod discussion on 10 May 2006. Should Correspondence Item 5 be remitted to the Law and Advisory committee, then constitutional aspects of the question could be considered by that committee and reported to Synod 2007. The report was received and noted.

#### **06.49 CLOSURE OF SESSION**

Notices of motion were called for and the session was closed with prayer at 12.30pm.

TI Leggott  
Clerk

DP Smith  
Moderator

**SESSION 9**

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006**

**2.00PM**

The session was opened with praise and prayer at 2.00pm. The minutes of session 8 were read and confirmed.

**06.50 SUPERANNUATION COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)**

The Convener presented the proposed deliverances. It was resolved that:

- 1 Synod, note the levy for 2006 of \$1,450 per quarter payable by the end of February, May, August and November with concessions as stated in the report.
- 2 Synod approve the consolidation of the Hector McMillan capital with the Superannuation Support Fund.
- 3 Synod approve the immediate addition from the Super Support income account of \$10,000 to the amount treated as capital in the SSF, and a further \$5,000 when convenient by 31/12/2006.
- 4 Synod remind fund members of the advisability of seeking professional advice in regard to both choice of Fund and investments within any particular fund, and splitting superannuation with a wife, so that it meets their particular needs, as this is their responsibility and not that of the church.

**06.51 MOTION ON NOTICE**

Mr Ward presented the motion on notice. It was resolved that for the purposes of the Superannuation Fund, the Rev TW Yoa's service commence from his admission to the PCEA on 9 May 2006.

**06.52 CHURCH & NATION, YOUTH & FELLOWSHIP DEFERRED BUSINESS**

Deferred business concerning the appointment of a new editor of the youth magazine (Youth and Fellowship deliverance 4), and appointment of a new editor for *The Presbyterian Banner* (Church & Nation Committee deliverance 6) were taken up. The Convener presented the additional deliverances. It was resolved that:

1. Synod receive with regret the resignation of Rev RS Ward as Editor of *The Presbyterian Banner* since June 2000, effective after the August 2006 issue, and record its appreciation to him and his helpers for the work well done.
2. Synod appoint Rev RW Murray as editor in chief of *The Presbyterian Banner*, with effect from the September 2006 issue, and that he be allowed to make editorial changes including incorporation of *Run for Glory*, and to promote electronic distribution, with the proviso that hard print copies be available for those who request the same for the next three years.
3. That Synod allocate \$1500 towards the development of an upgraded, user-friendly website, suitable for on-line delivery of *The Presbyterian Banner*.

**06.53 QUEENSLAND TRUST CORPORATION**

The Clerk presented the report on behalf of the Trustees. It was resolved that the report be received. There were no proposed deliverances.

**06.54 NSW TRUST CORPORATION**

The Clerk presented the report on behalf of the Trustees. It was resolved that the report be received.

**06.55 MOTION ON NOTICE**

Mr Kerr presented the motion on notice. The Trustees for NSW, all being present, indicated that they were prepared to fall from their deliverance in favour of the motion on notice.

It was resolved that: The old embossed common seal of the NSW Trust Corporation of the Synod of Eastern Australia be held for safe keeping in the safety box of the trust at the Eastwood branch of the National Bank.

**06.56 TRUSTEES FOR VICTORIA**

The Secretary, Mr AH Steel, presented the report on behalf of the Trustees. It was resolved that the report be received. There were no proposed deliverances.

**06.57 LAW & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Convener, the Clerk, presented the report on behalf of the Committee. It was resolved that the report be received. There were no proposed deliverances.

**06.58 CORRESPONDENCE ITEM 5**

Synod took up consideration of Correspondence Item 5, an overture from Southern Presbytery Concerning Adherence to the Confession of Faith and the Prescribed Questions & Formula of Subscriptions. The overture was stated by Mr Ward and Mr Ball. It was resolved that the prayer of the overture be granted in the following terms: That the overture be referred to the Law and Advisory Committee for consideration; that interested parties be invited to make submission to be in the hands of the Committee before 31 December 2006, and that the Committee report to Synod 2007.

**06.59 CORRESPONDENCE ITEM 6**

Synod took up consideration of Correspondence Item 6, an Overture from Southern Presbytery regarding members out of bounds/at a distance. Mr Ward presented the overture. It was resolved that the prayer of the overture be granted in the following terms: That the overture be referred to the Law and Advisory Committee for consideration; that interested parties be invited to make submission to be in the hands of the Committee before 31 December 2006, and that the Committee report to Synod 2007.

**06.60 REPORTS OF EXAMINER OF RECORDS**

The minutes of the Northern Presbytery for 2005-2006 were reported to be in order. The minutes of Central Presbytery for the two years 2004-2006 were reported to be in order. The minutes of Southern Presbytery for 2005-2006 were reported to be in order, subject to minor adjustment. It was resolved that the Presbytery records be attested once amended.

**06.61 MODERATOR-ELECT FOR SYNOD 2007**

It was resolved that the Rev Dr RS Ward be appointed Moderator-elect for Synod 2007.

**06.62 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

The Administration Committee proposed the following Committee structure:

**Administration and Inter-Church Relations**  
**Law and Advisory**

Clerk (Convener Administration), GD Ball (Convener Inter-Church Relations), WP Gadsby (Convener Law & Advisory), Moderator, Moderator-elect.

**Church and Nation (including Publications and Psalmody and Website)**

**Youth and Fellowship**

DK Muldoon (Convener Church & Nation, Youth & Fellowship), RW Murray (Banner) WP Gadsby (Website), TW Yoa, I Hamilton, T Reeve.

**Finance & 8: 14 Foundation**

AH Steel (Convener Finance & 8:14), RS Ward (Convener Superannuation), DJ Ramsay, JB Loudon, DE Kerr, J Audet.

**Superannuation**

RS Ward (Convener), DJ Ramsay, JB Loudon, J Audet.

**Missions**

DP Smith (Convener), TI Leggott, I Conley, D Muldoon, J Greensill, FN Robinson.

**Training of Ministry**

WJW Hanna (Convener), RS Ward, SR Tamata, D Manly, D Hamilton

It was resolved that the Committee structure as proposed be adopted, and that suggestions for revision of Committee structure and makeup be referred by 31 December 2006 to the Administration Committee for report to Synod 2007.

**06.63 TREASURER'S REPORT RE COSTS INCURRED BY SYNOD 2006.**

The General Treasurer, Mr AH Steel, gave an indication of costs incurred by Synod 2006.

**06.64 TIME AND PLACE OF SYNOD 2007**

It was resolved that Synod 2007 be hosted by the Hunter/Barrington Congregation at the Cardiff church facilities from 7-10 May 2007..

**06.65 PRINCIPAL ACTS**

It was resolved that the Clerk would draw up a list of the Principal Acts of Synod 2006, and include it with the Minutes.

**06.66 THANKS**

It was proposed that the thanks of the court be conveyed to the General Treasurer Mr AH Steel for his efficient and thorough work during the year. The motion was carried by acclamation.

It was proposed that the thanks of the court be conveyed to the Moderator for his leading of the Synod and for his devotional messages. The motion was carried by acclamation.

It was proposed that the thanks of the court be conveyed to the Clerk of Synod for his work. The motion was carried by acclamation.

It was resolved that the thanks of the court be conveyed to the Hunter/Barrington congregation for hosting the Synod, for their hospitality and especially to the ladies for their generous catering for our meals.

**06.67 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of this closing session were read and confirmed.

**06.68 CLOSURE OF SYNOD 2006**

Synod 2006 was closed with the singing of Psalm 72:17-19, prayer and the benediction at 5.30pm.

TI Leggott  
Clerk

DP Smith  
Moderator

**ACTS OF SYNOD 2006**

**Appended by the Direction of Synod (04.55)**

**Class 1 (Barrier Act Procedure)**

Nil

**Article**

**Class 2 (Others)**

1. Act anent Admission of Ministers and Probationers from other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches
2. Mutual Eligibility Act (Free Church of Scotland) 2005
3. Revised Superannuation Fund Regulations
4. Procedures for dealing with complaints of sexual impropriety

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