

ACTS OF SYNOD 1987

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CLASS 1 – ACTS WHICH HAVE PASSED THE BARRIER ACT

None

CLASS 2 – ACTS OF SYNOD OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE CHURCH

ACT 1 – Visit of the Rev. Prof. J.D.MacMillan in 1988

Tuesday 21st April 1987

Sederunt 2

That Synod invite the Rev. Prof. J.D. MacMillan to visit Australia in 1988 for up to three months, and extend the invitation to include Mrs MacMillan; that upon his acceptance of our invitation, the Administration Committee organise a Conference in conjunction with the annual Synod, if possible; that Congregations be requested to support financially the proposed visit, that Synod request that offerings be taken in the months of July, November and March, to be forwarded immediately to the General Treasurer; and that these and other arrangements be overseen by the Rev. J.M. Cromarty.

ACT 2 – Time and place of Synod 1988

Tuesday 21st April 1987

Sederunt 2

that the time and place of Synod 1988 be left in the hands of the Administration Committee and that Synod be held in conjunction with Professor MacMillan's proposed visit.

ACT 3 – Minimum stipend 1987/88

Tuesday 21st April 1987

Sederunt 3

That the minimum stipend be increased from 1 July 1987, and 1 January 1988 as per percentage rises in the C.P.I.

ACT 4 – Synod Administration Levy

Tuesday 21st April 1987

Sederunt 3

Synod remind Deacons' Courts of the Synod Administration Levy of \$200 per charge (\$150 if aid receiving).

ACT 5 – Reception of missionaries to P.R.O.E.S.A.

Tuesday 21st April 1987

Sederunt 3

- a) Synod thank God for the offer made by Ian and Yvonne Conley to serve as missionaries with Proesa and receive them as missionaries to serve with Proesa, subject to their being able to make the necessary domestic arrangements.
- b) Synod authorise the Committee to arrange a valedictory service for the Conleys at a venue suitable to them.

ACT 6 – Visit of Sr Marie-Christine Lux in 1988

Tuesday 21st April 1987

Sederunt 3

Synod authorise the Committee to bring Sister Marie-Christine Lux to Australia at Missions expense at the beginning of 1988 and to arrange an itinerary for deputation work throughout the Church.

ACT 7 – Free Church of Central India Training Fund commended

Tuesday 21st April 1987

Sederunt 3

Synod accede to the request of the Presbytery of The Free Church of Central India to advertise and commend heartily to our people The Training Fund they have established for their students.

ACT 8 – TEAR Australia commended

Tuesday 21st April 1987

Sederunt 3

Synod recognise TEAR Fund (Australia) as a fund deserving of our support and commend it to our people.

ACT 9 – Free Church Disaster Relief Fund commended

Tuesday 21st April 1987

Sederunt 3

Synod recognise The Free Church Disaster Relief Fund as a suitable Agency to contribute to for the relief of natural disasters throughout the world, commend it to our people, and request that all contributions to it be remitted to Synod's General Treasurer.

ACT 10 – Bequests and Legacies to congregations

Wednesday 22nd April 1987

Sederunt 5

Synod again remind the Church of its legislation of 1983 concerning bequests and legacies, and ask all Courts to comply with the same.

ACT 11 – St Georges Church – Permission to mortgage

Wednesday 22nd April 1987

Sederunt 5

Synod consent to the mortgaging of the church property in Castlereagh Street, for a sum of up to \$150000, and that the Trustees of the Synod of Eastern Australia be authorised to execute the necessary documents. The motion was carried.

ACT 12 – Grafton – Permission to dispose of land

Wednesday 22nd April 1987

Sederunt 5

1. The Grafton's Deacons' Court be given permission to dispose of up to one metre of land along the boundary of the property known as 140 Fry Street Grafton on the following conditions:
 - a. All costs of whatsoever kind including those of the solicitor acting on behalf of the Deacons Court be borne by the proprietor of 140 Fry Street and
 - b. That a fence be erected along the fence line at no cost whatsoever to the Deacons Court and according to their specifications.
2. That the Trustees be authorised to sign and seal all necessary documents for the transfer of the property.

ACT 13 – St Kilda – Permission to dispose of property

Wednesday 22nd April 1987

Sederunt 6

Synod authorize the Melbourne Deacons' Court to sell the property known as 94 Alma Road, East St Kilda at fair market value as ascertained by professional advisers at the time, and to invest so much of the proceeds in more suitable investment property as will replace the income lost, and to hold the balance against the provision of further facilities (such as a second manse) as may be approved of by the congregation, and further, that subject to approval by the congregation and the Southern Presbytery, the Deacons' Court be authorized to obtain any necessary financial accommodation (whether from The 8:14 Foundation or a lending institution) in order to the purchase of such further facilities, and direct the body corporate The Trustees for Victoria of the PCEA to sign and seal all relevant documents. The motion was seconded and carried.

ACT 14 – Financial assistance to Brisbane, Armidale and Ulverstone

Wednesday 22nd April 1987

Sederunt 6

That Ulverstone receive financial aid of up to \$7,500.00.
That Brisbane receive aid as per Ch Ext Charge Stage 3: \$8,541.00.
That Armidale receive aid as per Ch Ext Charge Stage 2: \$12,427.00.

ACT 15 – “Fellowship” Magazine

Wednesday 22nd April 1987

Sederunt 7

That the magazine "Fellowship" be brought under the general oversight of the Committee, and that we invite the Hunter minister to assume a supervisory role.

ACT 16 – Annual Statistics re attenders under age-18

Wednesday 22nd April 1987

Sederunt 7

That annual statistical returns from congregations include the number of regular attenders aged under 18 years of age.

ACT 17 – Authorisation re sacraments of Mr Leone Tupua

Wednesday 22nd April 1987

Sederunt 7

Synod extend, to the rising of Synod 1988, the authorisation granted to Mr Leone Tupua, to dispense the sacraments and admit to membership in the Presbyterian Church of Fiji.

ACT 18 – Revised Practice – provisional recognition of chapter 2

Thursday 23rd April 1987

Sederunt 9

Synod grant provisional recognition to Chapter 2 (The Session) of the Revised Practice as bound with 1986 Synod Reports, note and approve the Committee's intention of circulating Chapter 1 and 3 before Synod 1988, and encourage lower courts to send suggestions or comments to the Committee to assist its labours.

ACT 19 – 1987 Provident Funds levy (\$1355)

Thursday 23rd April 1987

Sederunt 10

That Deacons' Courts note the 1987 Levy is calculated at 8.5% of 1986-7 stipend (\$15,938) and thus is \$1,355, which is to be remitted in two or more approximately equal amounts during the year ending 31.12.1987.

ACT 20 – Reception of Home Missionary

Friday 24th April 1987

Sederunt 11

Synod confirm Central Presbytery's reception of Mr Trevor Leggott as Home Missionary P.C.E.A.

ACT 21 – The Presbyterian Banner – new editor appointed

Friday 24th April 1987

Sederunt 12

It was resolved to appoint the Rev. R.W. Murray as Editor of The Presbyterian Banner for a provisional period of one year; that he be relieved by the Publications Committee of this responsibility should the work-load be too great; and that his proposed format and method of production be endorsed.

[Note: A *pro re nata* meeting of Synod was called for 30 October 1987 at the request of the Southern Presbytery seeking permission to sell the church building at St Kilda.]

ACT 22 – St Kilda – permission to sell church building

Friday, 30 October 1987

Pro re nata

Synod authorise the Melbourne Deacons' Court to sell the remaining church property at 12B Chapel Street, East St Kilda for not less than \$650,000 or the fair market value, whichever is the greater, and to apply the proceeds as follows: (1) the sum of \$500,000 to be invested in property and/or other trustee securities, the revenue therefrom to be applied for the extension and development of the work in Melbourne, and (2) the excess of \$500,000 to be applied towards a site or buildings with a view to the establishing of an additional centre in Melbourne.