

## ACTS OF SYNOD 1998

### Class 1 (Barrier Act Procedure)

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### CLASS 1 – ACTS WHICH HAVE PASSED THE BARRIER ACT

Nil

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

#### ACT 1 – Acceptance of Legal Opinion (Missions Relief Fund)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.11

That the legal opinion of Messrs. Hungerford, Lehmann and Andrews, Solicitors and Barristers, as presented to Synod in the Law and Advisory report be received and included in the minutes hereunder,

And, in accepting the legal opinion Synod advises the Missions Committee to take note of same and revise and adjust the relevant sections of its report, recommendations and budget accordingly.

Accordingly, the following legal opinion from Hungerford, Lehmann and Andrews is appended:

*We refer to previous correspondence in relation to the trust that was established by the Estate of the Late M. McSwan and in particular your Synod's resolution that a portion of the Fund be used to pay for the salary of the Executive Secretary for the Aborigines Inland Mission, we advise that this use of the Fund would be outside the ambit of the Trust established and therefore we would consider it to be*

*a breach of trust pursuant to the terms and regulations provided between Mr. McSwan and the late Dr. Andrews.*

**ACT 2 – Stipend Relief Armidale**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.15.4

Stipend relief for 1998/99 be granted to Armidale congregation up to 50 % of Stipend on a needs basis and Ulverstone congregation up to \$10,000 also on a needs basis.

**ACT 3 – Synod Minutes**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.10.4

The second paragraph of section 5.15 of the *Handbook of Practice and Procedure* (commencing “Two sets of minutes are kept.”) be amended to read:

*Where minutes are taken down in writing, two sets of minutes are kept. The ‘scroll’ minutes are the minutes taken at the time. A ‘permanent record’ is typed up from these and is compared with the scroll minutes and, being found correct, is duly attested by the clerk and Moderator. Where the minutes are typed up on a computer at the time, only one set of minutes need be kept, provided that it is duly confirmed by the court and signed by the clerk and Moderator. The Clerk of Synod is permitted, without formal instruction, to give extracts of deliverances to all persons who have an interest in them. In other respects the rules for extracts in presbyteries apply (see 4.25).*

**ACT 4 – Payments by Deacons' Courts**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.15.5

The words “All payments shall be made by cheque” be deleted from the *Handbook of Practice and Procedure* (Section 3.15a).

**ACT 5 – Appointment of Editor for *The Presbyterian Banner***

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.24

“That the Rev. W.P. Gadsby be thanked for his work as editor of ‘The Presbyterian Banner,’ and that he be asked to accept the appointment for a further three years.”

**ACT 6 – Superannuation Guarantee Levy**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.27.3

That where a vacant charge engages a person on terms requiring Superannuation Guarantee contributions although the charge is technically still vacant, the full 10 % levy will be payable for the period during which Superannuation Guarantee Levy applies, and in respect of a station not a sanctioned charge a levy equal to the Superannuation Guarantee Levy shall apply.

**ACT 7 – Investment of L.S.L. Funds**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.29.6

Synod approve the investment of up to 50 % of the L.S.L. Fund and 50 % of the Supplementary Benefits Fund in quality listed shares subject to the existing Synod rules.

**ACT 8 – Pension Increase**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.29.8

The basic rate of the weekly pension be increased from \$60.20 to \$61.40 (married) and from \$42.50 to \$43.35 (single) with effect from 1/07/98.

**ACT 9 – Victorian Trust Corporation - New Trustee**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.34.2

Synod notes the resignation of Rev. W.M. Mackay as a trustee, records its appreciation of his work since 1988 and appoints Donald Peter Smith of 33 Mill Avenue, Forest Hill 3131 a trustee pursuant to Act 5691, Victoria 1953, such appointment to cease upon his ceasing to reside within the bounds of the Southern Presbytery.

**ACT 10 – John Know Theological Library**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.44.4

- (a) The John Knox Theological Library remain the property of the Training of Ministry Committee.
- (b) The Committee arrange suitable housing for it.
- (c) Costs of removal plus suitable shelving be met by the Committee.

**ACT 11 – Status of Mr Leone Tupua 98.44.7**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.46.7

Synod:

- (a) recognises the gifts and qualifications of Mr Leone Tupua and thanks God for the faithful ministry rendered for many years in Fiji by Mr Tupua.
- (b) in the light of Act re., Student Training 1983 (Handbook Page 18 Section 5) deems Mr Tupua's qualifications sufficient for him to be taken on trials for licence.
- (c) appoints Central Presbytery to take the necessary steps to that end.
- (d) authorises Central Presbytery to ordain Mr Tupua to the gospel ministry of the P.C.E.A. and grants him a seat on the Central Presbytery pursuant to his ordination.
- (e) advises the Central Presbytery to appoint a commission to conduct the ordination in Fiji, and to set aside Mr Tupua to labour in the preaching station of Central Presbytery, known as the Presbyterian Free Church of Fiji.
- (f) agrees that expenses incurred be met from Synod General Funds.
- (g) that we assure Leone of our support and continued prayerful interest in his studies and ministry.
- (h) that course fees and textbook allowance be approved.

**ACT 12 – Seat on Presbytery - the Rev. Edwin R. Lee**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.50

Rev. Edwin E. Lee be granted a seat on the Southern Presbytery.

**ACT 13 – Seat on Presbytery - the Rev. John Pateman**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1998

Minutes 98.51

Rev. John Pateman be granted a seat on the Southern Presbytery.

[Note: Act 14 has been added to the original list because the recognition of Fiji as a preaching station was a significant action that should have been classified as an Act]

**ACT 14 – Recognition of Fiji as a Preaching Station**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1998

(Minutes 98.46.2.1.1)

Synod ordain that the work in Fiji be recognised as a preaching station under the oversight of the Central Presbytery, the station to be known as the Presbyterian Free Church of Fiji.