

ACTS OF SYNOD 2006

(Note: The original minutes did not identify the Acts passed in the year. This list has been compiled after renumbering the 2006 minutes and identifying Acts)

Class 1 (Barrier Act Procedure)

No	Act	Reference
	None	

Class 2 (Others)

No	Act	Reference
1	Admission of Rev. T W Yoa as PCEA Minister	06.16
2	Preservation of Records	06.23
3	Proceeds From Sale of South Australia Property	06.26
4	Mutual Eligibility Act (Reformed Churches of New Zealand)	06.31
5	Amendment of Act 12, Class 2, 1982 anent Supply Fees	06.42.3
6	Stipend Relief 2006/2007	06.42.4-5
7	Rents from Armidale church/manse	06.43
8	Armidale Gift	06.44
9	Hector McMillan capital	06.50
10	Rev. TW Yoa Superannuation	06.51
11	Appoint RW Murray as Editor of The Presbyterian Banner	06.52

CLASS 1 – ACTS WHICH HAVE PASSED THE BARRIER ACT

None

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

ACT 1 – Admission of Rev. T W Yoa as PCEA Minister

Tuesday 9th May 2006

Minutes 06.16

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.

ACT 2 – Preservation of Records

Tuesday 9th May 2006

Minutes 06.23

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.

ACT 3 – Proceeds From Sale of South Australia Property

Tuesday 9th May 2006

Minutes 06.26

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.

ACT 4 – Mutual Eligibility Act (Reformed Churches of New Zealand)

Tuesday 9th May 2006

Minutes 06.31

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.

ACT 5 – Amendment of Act 12, Class 2, 1982 anent Supply Fees

Thursday 11th May 2006

Minutes 06.42.3

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.”

ACT 6 – Stipend Relief 2006/2007

Thursday 11th May 2006

Minutes 06.42.4-5

1. 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

2. 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.

ACT 7 – Rents from Armidale church/manse

Thursday 11th May 2006

Minutes 06.43

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.

ACT 8 – Armidale Gift

Thursday 11th May 2006

Minutes 06.44

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.

ACT 9 – Hector McMillan capital

Thursday 11th May 2006

Minutes 06.50

Synod approve the consolidation of the Hector McMillan capital with the Superannuation Support Fund.

ACT 10 – Rev. TW Yoa Superannuation

Thursday 11th May 2006

Minutes 06.51

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.

ACT 11 – Appoint RW Murray as Editor of The Presbyterian Banner

Thursday 11th May 2006

Minutes 06.52

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.