

ACTS OF SYNOD 2023

Class 1 (Barrier Act Procedure)

No	Act	Reference
	None	

Class 2 (Others)

No	Act	Reference
1	Update Handbook 3.17d	23.2.9.2
2	Reception of Mr Zachary Dotson as Ministry Candidate	23.2.10
3	Minuting of Ministers' Leave Entitlements	23.2.13.1
4	Financial Assistance for Narre Warren Congregation	23.2.14.3
5	Financial Assistance for Hawkesbury Nepean Congregation	23.2.14.4
6	Prayers for King Charles III	23.2.20.5
7	Appoint Day of Prayer	23.2.20.8
8	Appointment of G Ball and T Reeve as assessors to Southern Presbytery	23.2.27&36

CLASS 1 – ACTS WHICH HAVE PASSED THE BARRIER ACT

None

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

ACT 1 – Update Handbook 3.17d

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

(Minutes 23.2.9.2)

A minor update is approved to Handbook 3.17d to use the term 'Financial Assistance' consistently here (and elsewhere) in place of 'Stipend Relief.'

ACT 2 – Reception of Mr Zachary Dotson as Ministry Candidate

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

(Minutes 23.2.10)

Synod confirm Mr Dotson's reception as a candidate for the ministry (*per crave of the overture from Southern Presbytery*).

That Committee arrangements for the CPS placement of Mr Zachary Dotson, and the usual associated costs of candidature, be approved.

ACT 3 – Minuting of Ministers’ Leave Entitlements

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

(Minutes 23.2.13.1)

Synod instructs Sessions and Deacons’ Courts to keep a close eye on ministers’ leave entitlements to ensure ministers do not suffer burn out through failure to take it, and that Presbyteries keep this in mind in the annual examination of records to ensure outstanding entitlement is minuted at least once a year.

ACT 4 – Financial Assistance for Narre Warren Congregation

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

(Minutes 23.2.14.3)

Stipend Assistance of up to \$30,000 for 2023/2024 Synodical year be granted to the Narre Warren Deacons’ Court as follows:

- Be strictly on a quarterly needs basis.
- Applications be submitted to the General Treasurer on a calendar quarter basis ie commencing 1st January/April/July/October and be accompanied with a Budget for the quarter being applied for.
- Be funded from General Funds to the extent necessary.
- Be subject to the availability of funds.

ACT 5 – Financial Assistance for Hawkesbury Nepean Congregation

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

(Minutes 23.2.14.4)

Stipend assistance of up to \$12,000 for 2023/2024 Synodical year be granted to the Hawkesbury Nepean Deacons’ Court as follows:

- Be strictly on a quarterly needs basis.
- Applications be submitted to the General Treasurer on a calendar quarter basis ie commencing 1st January/April/July/October and be accompanied with a Budget for the quarter being applied for.
- Be funded from General Funds to the extent necessary.
- Be subject to the availability of funds.

ACT 6 – Prayers for King Charles III

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

(Minutes 23.2.20.5)

As Synod anticipates the coronation of King Charles III on 6th May 2023 in Westminster Abbey, we assure him of our prayers so that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way (1 Tim. 2: 1-2). We pray that he, by God’s grace, will be enabled to maintain the solemn vows made (Eccl. 5: 4-5); and to defend and contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3). We pray that he may rule with the same attitude as the King of kings who humbled Himself and became a servant (Phil. 2: 3-8). Long live the king. God save the king. The Clerk was appointed to send this message.

ACT 7 – Appoint Day of Prayer

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

(Minutes 23.2.20.8)

Synod appoint Saturday 29th July 2023 as a Day of Prayer to seek the Lord's mercy and favour. The meeting will be hosted by 'Google Meet' and organised by the Clerks of Presbytery, with the technical assistance of Rev. Robin Tso.

ACT 8 – Appointment of G Ball and T Reeve as assessors to Southern Presbytery

Thursday 4th May 2023

(Minutes 23.2.27 and 23.2.36)

In view of the increasing needs within Southern Presbytery, Synod to appoint Rev. George Ball and Mr Tom Reeve to be additional assessors to the aforesaid Presbytery.