

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**

**PROVINCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE**

**26- 28 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**KOPANONG HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE - BENONI**

**WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2018 - MINUTES**

10h30        **REGISTRATION**

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PSC delegates arrived, signed in and were allocated rooms and name tags.

13h00        Lunch

14h30        **FIRST SESSION**

**1.1        Welcome & Opening Prayer**

The Archbishop opened PSC with the singing of the Veni Creator, followed by the Lord's prayer and the Collect for PSC.

The Archbishop welcomed all Representatives with a special welcome to those attending PSC for the first time.

**Apologies:** Bishop Margaret Vertue (False Bay)

The Archbishop welcomed the following invited guests:

Brother Luc (Taize) - Homilist at PSC Eucharist 27 Sept 2018

Revd Dr Rachel Mash (Provincial Environmental Coordinator)

Judge I Farlam (Provincial Chancellor)

Ms R Manning (Provincial Deputy Registrar)

Mr L Fortuin (Provincial Deputy Registrar)

Revd J Jones (Permanent Diaconate)

Revd G Lawlor (Permanent Diaconate)

Mrs L Henniker (President – AWF)

Mrs T Mchunu (President – MU)

Mr T Makhalanyane (President – Provincial Youth Council)

Mr K Moleme (Provincial Youth Council)  
Mr S Msomi (Provincial President – Anglican Students Federation)  
Mr Z Fani (Administrative Assistant – Anglican Students Federation)  
Revd Canon Dr V Kgabe – Rector of the College Of Transfiguration  
Prof B Pityana – Presenter on COTT matters  
Revd K Griffiths – Liturgical matters

## **1.2 REPORT OF THE PSC SERVICE COMMITTEE**

The Archbishop first presented the names of the Provincial Standing Committee Service Committee namely: The Metropolitan (Chair), Dean of the Province – Bishop Stephen Diseko, Provincial Executive Officer – Ven Horace Arenz, Provincial Treasurer – Mr Rob Rogerson, Assistant Provincial Treasurer – Ms Terry Robinson, Provincial Deputy Registrar – Mr Lloyd Fortuin, Ms Bulelwa Ntshingwa, Ven Keith De Vos, Revd Canon Cheryl Uren; Revd Natalie Simons-Arendse and Revd Keith Griffiths. The committee met on three occasions in accordance with the Bye Laws of the Provincial Standing Committee #26.

The PSC Service Committee recommended that:

- The Revd Dalcy Dlamini be appointed as Chaplain to the Archbishop.
- The Very Revd Andrew Hunter be appointed as the Clerical Minute Secretary.
- Mrs Freda Chigumadzi be appointed as the Lay Minute Secretary
- The following persons be appointed as Minute Scrutineers: Bishop Garth Counsell (Convenor), Ms Funeka Xhantini, Ms Bulelwa Ntshingwa and The Very Revd N Sibisi. The following volunteered: Provost The Very Revd Sharon Nell (PE); Revd Canon Cynthia Botha.
- The following persons be appointed as the Resolutions Committee: Mr Lloyd Fortuin (Chair), Ms Rosalie Manning, Judge Ian Farlam, Adv Mancha Manaka, Revd Anastasia Bukashe, and the Very Revd Luke Pretorius. Volunteer: Funeka Ndungane.
- Revd Canon Cynthia Botha and Revd Canon Maureen Simons be appointed to assist with administrative duties.

PSC concurred.

## **1.3 Acceptance of Reports *en bloc***

The Archbishop proposed from the chair that the reports be accepted *en bloc*.

PSC concurred.

## **1.4 Synod Of Bishops' Report**

The Dean of the Province reported on the most recent meeting of the Synod of Bishops, 23rd - 26th September 2018.

### **Report to Provincial Standing Committee meeting on 26 September 2018 at Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre.**

Your Grace, members of the Provincial Standing Committee, please allow me to give a report on what transpired during our meeting of the Synod of Bishops which started on the 23 September 2018. Bishops together with the Archbishop had a wonderful time of reflections, prayers, fellowship and deliberations on the issues that affect the life of our Province.

### **Archbishops Commission on the College of the Transfiguration (COTT) & Theological Education**

Prof Barney Pityana and Prof Geoff Antrobus spent one and a half days with the bishops. Under their guidance, we deliberated in depth a whole range of issues related to COTT on how we may improve its financial situation and how we may support the rector, college staff and students. We all agreed that all bishops and dioceses of our Province are responsible for the support and up-keep of COTT. The college needs 60 registered students each year to break even, and when the numbers are less as is the case at present, it affects in a bad way finances of the college.

They also made us to reflect on theological education offered to CoTT students currently, moved us to look at key areas of priestly formation, what we thought was missing in the training, and how it might be improved so that the product is better equipped, more relevant and more effective. The Commission is basically looking at how theological training at our college can be beefed up so it is more relevant.

### **Human Sexuality**

Bishop Raphael gave a progress report on behalf of the Archbishop's Commission on Human Sexuality, and he was pleased to report to this PSC that the Commission has made good progress, clusters have been established throughout the Province for better communication, and to this effect unlike in the past, the mood is much better and people feel freer and open to talk about issues around the subject of human sexuality.

### **Liturgical matters**

The process of the new prayer book is on-going, new forms of worship and services have been developed and shared around the Province for piloting.

We are pleased to report that the Synod of Bishops has endorsed the following people, Mr Steve Biko, Bishop Colenso and Mrs Sophy Gray to be included in our church calendar in recognition of their contributions to the lives of many people especially here in South Africa.

### **Order of Simon of Cyrene**

The Synod of Bishops has endorsed the awarding of the Order of Simon of Cyrene to Mr Geoffrey James Charles Burton of the Parish of St Thomas' Rondebosch, Cape Town Diocese.

### **Bishop for St Helena Diocese**

The Venerable Dale Bowers, Archdeacon of St Helena, was announced as the bishop elect of the See of St Helena.

### **Safe Church Commission**

Synod of Bishops also received a report from the Safe Church Commission, represented by Bishop Brian Maharj and Ms Rosalie Manning. They reported that the situation is such that we can no longer afford to keep sexual abuses under the carpet. As a province, we need to be alert and take the necessary precaution. They reiterated that Committees that we were requested to establish, are very necessary and that we should comply with that request ASAP, they advised that we should be proactive by ensuring that our respective churches throughout the Province are safe places for any one, be it children or vulnerable people. Police clearance certificates are also becoming an essential requirement.

### **Deaths**

The following deaths were noted during the course of the Synod of Bishops; Bishop Lawrence Zulu a retired Bishop, Mrs Ruth Moseki the wife of retired Bishop Moseki, Mrs Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs, Mr Pule Maboe, the son of Canon Joe Maboe, a retired priest in the Johannesburg Diocese, and Leon van der Nest, a relative of Myfanwy Hess (wife of Bishop Raphael). May their souls rest in peace.

### **Appointment**

The Synod of Bishops, in the light of the debate on land, has appointed Bishop Tsietsi Seloane, Suffragan-Bishop of Natal, to represent the Province on matters relating to land. Given the new legislation in South Africa on cannabis/marijuana, the Bishop of the Free State was tasked with responding to this as part of his portfolio on substance abuse.

### **New Missionary Diocese**

The Synod of Bishops had approved the establishment of the Missionary Diocese of Nampula (Mozambique), with Bishop Ernesto, until now bishop suffragan of Niassa, as its Missionary Bishop.

15h00           **SECOND SESSION**

2.1    Archbishop's Commission on the College of the Transfiguration - Report by Professor Barney Pityana and Dr Vicentia Kgabe.

Dr Vicentia Kgabe as Rector expressed thanks for the support given to them. She noted that we are facing the mushrooming of various Pentecostal break-away churches in SA. If we don't formulate a clear way of shaping our clergy, some might go that way. How will you identify an Anglican priest? We need to look at the local programs within dioceses, including the FOV programs. COTT receives students who have not been discerned; some are of a low literacy level. Police clearance certificates; marriage certificate or divorce decree should be produced. We need informed and transformed clergy. We need to think about succession planning. How do we have clergy raising their standard of education? In many Provinces, the diploma is no longer an entry level. A Bachelor's degree and, in some places, a Masters degree is the requirement for ordination. We need the College for future generations. How do we as the Province sustain it?

Prof Barney Pityana, as chair of the Commission, then reported on the work of the Commission **(his report will be inserted into these minutes)**

The following unopposed motion was proposed by Bishop GQ Counsell (Diocese of Cape Town), and seconded by Canon Mark Long:

That this PSC accepts and affirms the scope of the work being undertaken by the Archbishop's Commission on Theological Education and commends it to the entire Province for deep reflection and prayerful support.

PSC concurred.

PSC adjourned for tea at 16h30

PSC reconvened at 17h00

17h00           **THIRD SESSION**

3.1    Safe Church Commission - Report by Bishop Brian Maharj

Ms Rosalie Manning, a member of the Safe Church Commission, reported on the work of this Commission.

Bishop Brian spoke to the Safe Church Commission report in the PSC agenda book (agendum 1.3.26).

Various questions were raised around the scope of the Safe Church Commission, e.g. would it include safety for the boy child? What about those who had sinned but had now repented and changed their lives? Are there guidelines? How can lay people get involved in this? What about entrapment? Has the Commission explored a Child Protection Policy? What about historical abuse and restoration? Could our work be done in the context of the broader society since abuse is not only within the church? Can an Advisory Committee require police clearance now, even though it is not yet part of the requirements in Canon 4 (11)? How will people be screened, given that it is difficult to do so? Could the Commission look at all forms of persecution, not only sexual/physical abuses?

The Committee assured PSC that the Commission is working on guidelines and training programs to respond to this.

The Archbishop also informed PSC that, in terms of Canon 43 (1) (b), PSC is empowered to take such action as required in between sessions of Provincial Synod. PSC could therefore move a motion to require police clearance certificates for forthcoming elective assemblies.

17h30

#### **FOURTH SESSION**

##### 4.1 Principles of Budget – Provincial Treasurer

Mr Rob Rogerson spoke to the Budget, Agendum 1.3.22, in the PSC Agenda Book. He noted the effects of drought and other factors on the economy. This affected the way the Provincial budget was being drawn up. Five key focus areas were: theological education; ecumenical links; Anglican Consultative Council and Communion links; and the Provincial administration office.

Three ministries would be receiving less support from the Common Provincial Fund: Growing the Church; Provincial Youth Commission; and the Anglican Students Federation.

2019 would also see the end of ten years of the theological education bursaries that had been provided.

Increases: stipends and salaries 6%;

The overall budget projects a 2.9% reduction for 2019 due to struggles within some dioceses.

There will be a recommendation to increase the travel claim rate from R3.05 to R3.61

The five economic challenges are to:

- Lift business confidence
- Restore fiscal discipline
- Reform State Owned Enterprises
- Clear transformation policies and
- Reduce levels of corruption

Major structural challenges:

- Poor education throughput - huge dropout of students from Gr 1 to Gr 12; high failure rate amongst tertiary students - only 17% of students actually graduate.
- High unemployment levels- between 45% (excluding discouraged workers) and 65% (including discouraged workers)
- Government debt - 70% of GDP
- Fixed investment spending in manufacturing has dropped by 30% since 2008 due to lack of confidence in the economy.

Questions:

What happened to the PSC resolution asking the Finance Board Committee to relook at the reduction of the budget for the PYC? Answer: it wasn't ignored. It was asked whether the investment in these ministries had born fruit. The resolution of Synod had been upheld.

Could the economy and GDP of the BLS countries be compared with that of South Africa?

Regarding the youth ministry in ACSA, could there be a further review of this? How can we strategise with young people so that youth ministry in ACSA could go forward? Yes, it is a conversation that should have started when the cuts were first proposed.

Dioceses have pushed back on Provincial budget allocation, saying that ministry happens at the level of dioceses, not Provincial, especially with bodies that dioceses don't see.

The Archbishop welcomed Revd Edwin Arrison and Br Luc (Taize community) to PSC.

**MOTION: ACSA Revised Missional Priorities:**

The Archbishop proposed and Bishop Martin Breytenbach seconded the following motion:

That this PSC, revise the eight (8) ACSA missional priorities into three (3) to correspond with the ACSA Vision statement of ACT as follows:

- 1) **Liturgical** renewal and transformative worship
- 2) **Discipleship** - including theological education, formation and leadership development
- 3) **Prophetic ministry** - including advocacy in education, nurture of the young, women and gender, environment and health.

These priorities correspond with:

- **Anchored** in the love of Christ: whose expression is in (1) - liturgical and worship matters;
- **Committed** to God's mission: which includes (2) - disciples equipped for leadership and ministry
- **Transformed** by the Holy Spirit, exercising (3) - a prophetic ministry in the world.

The motion was passed unanimously.

PSC adjourned for evening prayer.

18h30      A Taize Service was conducted by Brother Luc and others.

After the service was concluded, The Archbishop licensed Revd Dr Rachel Mash & Ms Charleen Van Rooyen as Honorary Provincial Canons.

The Archbishop proceeded to admit Dr Louisa Mojela to the Order of Simon of Cyrene

19h30      Dinner was served in the form of a Braai.

Signed:

Date:

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07h00 Eucharist - The Archbishop presided and a message of encouragement was brought by Brother Luc (Taize)

08h00 Breakfast

09h00 **FIFTH SESSION**

**5.1 Archbishop's Commission on Human Sexuality - Report**

The Bishop of Saldanha Bay and Ms Rosalie Manning spoke to the report.

The Commission is focused on the church's response to same sex unions and related issues including the development of pastoral guidelines. It has been mostly involved in consultations, listening, and conversations with geographically clustered dioceses. The Commission's plea and request was for dioceses to set up reference teams/groups to work on this and to continue to listen and be more discerning as they go about this work.

The Bishop of Saldanha Bay proposed, and Ms Rosalie Manning seconded

a motion related to the urgent need for the LGBTIQ+ community to be engaged with and referred to with respect.

It was agreed that the motion would be revised and brought before PSC at a later session.

Questions raised: How is bias avoided when establishing the teams? How many dioceses have started this process? Have the pastoral guidelines been set up already?

10h00                    5.2    Reports – Plenary Session

**Taize Report, (Agendum 1.3.30 in the Agenda Book):** Br Luc of Taize reported on the plans for the Taize pilgrimage in Cape Town in September 2019. The brothers are based at St Bartholomew's, Walmer Estate (Cape Town). They have visited various centres throughout South Africa, as well as neighbouring countries, to meet people and encourage attendance at the 2019 pilgrimage. Cape Town communities are being asked to provide hospitality and a prayer space. Other denominations have also shown interest in the project and are actively on board in particular the Roman Catholic, Dutch Reformed, Methodist, Lutheran and Moravian Churches.

Question: Is safety of participants at hosts' homes against the backdrop of human trafficking guaranteed?

Answer- They engage the community as they know their people.

Question: The Pilgrimage dates clash with Provincial Synod 2019 and exams for students. Can this be considered?

Question: Is this limited to young adults only (18-35)?

Answer: Adults are most welcome as well.

Question : Is there any possibility of synergies with Lesotho who also have a prayer pilgrimage in August 2019

Answer: The organisers are happy to engage further with Lesotho.

**Motion for the Diocesan name change for consideration by the PSC**





9. There is a growing trend at universities of no longer recognising the various religious organisations, no longer funding them. We as ASF and others may need help from parishes and clergy.
10. ASF: the ministry to students at universities and colleges should be supported vigorously and should not die.
11. Chaplains at universities can be key. Each campus should have a chaplain.
12. We cannot allow Christianity to suffer at universities the way it suffers at high schools and primary schools
13. A call to the Province to let the voices of youth be heard in the Prayer Book revision

- WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS REPORTS – Anglican Women's Fellowship and Mothers' Union  
No comments were added nor questions raised.

- LANGUAGES - isiXhosa, siSwati, isiZulu, Afrikaans, Portuguese.
  1. The Archbishop commented the Bishop of Mthatha for the initiative on the work of translation of the Apocrypha into isiZulu. The Bishop of Mthatha shared comments and the hope that this would be completed in 2019 and published in 2020.
  2. An enquiry about the translation of the Siswati hymn book and its progress was tabled.
  3. The translation of the Portuguese Prayer Book is not yet done, but a request was made for a Portuguese language committee as translation has been done on different pieces. It was resolved to have a holistic approach to the translation work. Timeline for completion is 2019.
  4. Seswati- Consideration is being given to translating the isiZulu hymn book into Siswati. However, in terms of working on the siSwati issues, many, if not most siSwati people live in South Africa.
  5. The Publishing Committee was excited to hear the report from the Bishop of Lebombo and indicated that they are ready to help them. With the publication.

6. A concern was noted that the recent offering, "Celebrating Sunday", is not available in isiZulu. It would be good to have this tested in isiZulu parishes.
7. There is a handover of process for the liaison committee for isiXhosa with Bishop Ebenezer as the new chair. Each Eastern Cape diocese was asked to provide two people to serve on the committee. The Lectionary collects and confirmation services are being translated.
8. A request was made for this to be extended to the Western Cape dioceses as work has been done by them on at least some aspects.
9. A plea was made to please involve the young people in this process.

#### WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, NAMIBIA, SWAZILAND COUNCILS

1. The Bishop of the Highveld commented on the South African Council of Churches (SACC) Report (Agendum 1.3.29 in the Agenda Book) He indicated that the SACC is doing a good work in our country. National Convention was held in 2017, another in 2018: Issues discussed included family, democracy, healing and reconciliation, economic transformation, education; early childhood development; churches should really encourage ECD. To energise South Africa to realise the promises made post-apartheid.
2. The South African national elections in 2019 will be a key focus and area of concern. SACC in partnership with the Independent Electoral Commission and ward committees will be engaged in a roadshow.
3. **WCC formal motion**

- CONFERENCE OF DEACONS

1. PSC was reminded, amongst other things that Deacons can be used in a number of community ministries.

- THE RELIGIOUS LIFE

1. Enrollment in religious communities is diminishing. What strategies are there to revive this?

- MEDIA COMMITTEE

1. Dean Luke Pretorius, Chair of the Media Committee, spoke to the report, Agendum 1.3.17 in the Agenda Book.
2. One of the tasks is to share information with the Province about the Province, the world-wide Anglican Communion, and the various dioceses. The Committee has used the printed and digital versions of Southern Anglican magazine which is no longer produced. Information is now available on the website, with regular emails, with selected aspects of news, possibly once a week. They use the MyAnglican database. The problem is that many of the email addresses listed on that database are not accurate. Dean Luke Pretorius appealed that members endeavour to ensure that they send correct email addresses.
3. Bishops were requested to please send information to John Allen or to Lorraine Tulleken.
4. Policy guidelines on the use of social media was requested for diocesan and Provincial level?
5. The appropriate use of social media networks was questioned and the Media Committee was asked to assist with this regard if possible?

- CHURCH UNITY COMMISSION (CUC)

1. The Bishop of Highveld spoke to the report (Agendum 1.3.9 in the Agenda Book). The 50th anniversary of the CUC was celebrated in Pretoria. It was attended by many Anglicans from other dioceses. Members were encouraged to work **with CUC Commission and affiliate churches.**

- HOPE AFRICA & ORDINATION OF WOMEN

1. Comments made included that there were no women deans, only two women bishops and only a few women archdeacons in the Province.

- ANGLICAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. The question of affordability to these schools was raised. The Board is looking at how to bridge the gap to make the schools more accessible and affordable. There is some work being done to

incorporate kids from informal settlements into these schools depending on their capabilities.

2. A shift in the attitude from the elite schools towards the diocesan schools has been noted. Schools are more open to interact with less privileged schools, and to help where they can. There is need to work hand in hand with them.

3. A concern about Muslim “take-over” of our church schools was mentioned. **Therefore there was need to protect** our identity as Anglican church schools.

PSC adjourned for lunch at 13h00.

13h45                    A group photo of attendees was taken.

14h30                    PSC resumed

## **EIGHTH SESSION - Motions – Plenary Session**

The Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mash proposed and the Bishop of Swaziland seconded the motion:

### **1. Making Creation Visible in Liturgy**

This PSC, noting:

- The excellent work being done by the Prayer Book Revision Committee in addressing “anthropocentrism, patriarchy and dualism” in the revisions, and
- The Fifth Mark of Anglican Mission that strives to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth;

Requests PSC to request the Liturgical Committee to:

- Include in the penitential rites, the confession of actions that destroy the natural environment, and include prayers for the whole household of life,

- Promote the occasional holding of services outdoors, in natural settings;
- Incorporate the fifth mark of mission in the baptismal vows;
- Incorporate the fifth mark of mission in the service of installation of clergy and bishops;
- Make available on the internet additional liturgies and the new Prayer Book in order to limit the excessive use of paper;
- Encourage churches to reduce their use of paper.

The motion was put and passed.

The Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mash proposed and the Bishop of Swaziland seconded the motion:

## **2. Combatting Plastic Pollution**

Whereas it is becoming increasingly clear that plastic is proving to be extremely damaging to the health and well-being of people and planet;

That the quantity of plastic is polluting water, air and soil and threatening the survival of millions of species;

And that this applies in particular to microplastics which can enter the respiratory system and the blood stream;

This PSC requests

- The Archbishop, Bishops and ACSA-EN to inform our congregations and the people of our countries of the seriousness of plastic pollution, now threatening the health and well-being of people and planet;
- And furthermore requests the Archbishop and Bishops to communicate this danger to the respective governments of our Province, urging them to:

- (1) Prohibit the manufacture (or production), importation and sale of microplastics as a matter of urgency, as is now the case in the UK, US, Canada and New Zealand,
- (2) Ban non-biodegradable plastic bags, as has happened in Rwanda and Kenya,
- Ask the parishes of ACSA to encourage their parishioners to:
  - (1) Put pressure on local shops to stop using non-biodegradable plastic bags,
  - (2) Combat plastic pollution by joining with local communities in river, beach and township clean-up events;
  - (3) Support the Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) campaign and pledge to stop using single-use plastic bags and encourage parish sewing groups to make material bags as both an income generating project and environmental project.

The motion was put and passed.

### **3. Motion on Land expropriation without compensation**

Archdeacon Lundi Joko proposed and the Bishop of Saldanha Bay seconded

The following motion:

This PSC, noting

- 4) The national debate in South Africa on amending section 25 of the Constitution of South Africa to allow for land expropriation without compensation,
- 5) The occupation of vacant land and the associated violence, and
- 6) That ACSA is a major land owner in the country

Respectfully requests the Archbishop to establish an ad hoc committee chaired by Bishop Tsietsi to:

- 7. Do an inventory of all land currently owned and/or managed by ACSA in the Province, Dioceses and Parishes), including the value and current land-use
- 8. Make recommendations for use of vacant land and
- 9) Develop a theological reflection on land expropriation without compensation to be used at Provincial Synod

The ensuing discussion noted the urgency of this and the potential for conflict between church and community especially with respect to community members invading church land. It was currently a very divisive conversation highlighting the need for urgent and immediate response. It was further noted that the church has lost land to businesses and other agencies over time. COTT possibly help with the theological reflection on the matter?

A recent Sunday Times article by the Archbishop on the land matter would be made available. **ACSA already has instances where church owned land has been given to certain communities.**

The motion was put and passed.

At this point the Bishop of Table Bay informed PSC that Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu had been admitted to hospital. Bishop Martin Breytenbach was asked to lead PSC in prayer for the Archbishop Desmond and his family.

### **Measure to amend Canon 34**

The Bishop of Zululand proposed and the Bishop of Saldanha Bay seconded a

## **MEASURE TO AMEND CANON 34: CLERGY AND REMARRIAGE AFTER DIVORCE**

### **THE PRINCIPLES**

#### **WHEREAS:**

- A. Canon 34 in its entirety deals with how Clergy should handle matters of Holy Matrimony in relation to the members of their Parishes.

- B. Provision needs to be made for ensuring that the existing Canon 34 includes remarriage of divorced Clergy as well.

## **THE PROPOSAL**

1. The Canon is amended by the insertion of a new section 13 as follows (with the remaining sections being renumbered). The new section 13 to include clergy and remarriage after divorce with the following clauses:
  - a) This Canon in its entirety applies to all clergy licensed in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.
  - b) Clergy who have been divorced and who seek permission to remarry in Church or Letters of Closure must be interviewed by the Diocesan Bishop.
  - c) The Diocesan Bishop dealing with the application must decide on the name of the other Bishop who shall interview the applicant.
  - d) The Diocesan Bishop shall ensure that the prescribed forms are completed in every case where permission to marry after divorce or Letters of Closure are sought, and that these forms be made available to the additional interviewing bishop, and a copy placed in the cleric's personal and confidential file lodged with the diocese.
  - e) When a person who has been divorced and has not married again is being considered for ordination, he or she should be advised to apply for Letters of Closure. This should happen as early as possible in the process of discernment. Copies of the prescribed forms should be placed in the ordinand's or cleric's personal and confidential file lodged with the diocese. The same would apply when a priest from another diocese seeks work in a diocese.

It was noted that PSC was not the place to amend canons, but could make a recommendation for such an amendment to Provincial Synod.

The principles of the measure were discussed and passed. The matter was referred to the Canon Law Council.

15h30

### **NINTH SESSION**

#### 9.1 Motions – Plenary Session

#### **10) World Council of Churches**

Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali proposed and Dean Andrew Hunter seconded the following motion:

#### PSC

- Notes with appreciation and deep gratitude the life and work of the World Council of Churches (WCC) over the past 70 years;
- Gives thanks in particular for the involvement of the WCC in Southern Africa during this time, and the establishment of the South African Council of Churches (SACC);
- Remembers with appreciation the ministry, presence and participation of the World Council of Churches in the Cottesloe Consultation under the topic “Christian attitudes towards race relations”;
- Gives thanks for the encouragement of the World Council of Churches to the church in South Africa to reject all discrimination;
- Continues to pray for and support the witness and ministry of both the World Council of Churches and the South African Council of Churches (SACC);
- Sends our warm greetings and congratulations to the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, The Revd Dr Olan Fykse Tveit.

The motion was put and passed.

**5.The Provincial Youth Council motion on land** was withdrawn by the proposers, as the matter had been covered by an earlier resolution.

**6.MOTION ON YOUTH MINISTRY** - arising from the Budget principles presentation and the AYSA and ASF reports

The Venerable Lundi Joko proposed and Mr Kgotso Tau seconded the motion that:

PSC,

noting the sustainability challenges faced by AYSA and ASF:

- Acknowledges that they are important ministries in our church,
- Asks the Synod of Bishops to dedicate one day of their next meeting, with invited reps from PYC and ASF, to do strategic planning together concerning the five year vision for the two organisations,
- Bring feedback and recommendations to Synod 2019.

The ensuing debate expressed very warm support for the ministry of young people and also highlighted that the Province existed at parish and diocesan level, not Provincial level. Dioceses were investing immensely in young people at local level. Questions were asked about how ministry at Provincial level impacts on ministry at local level? Dioceses could encourage youth synods and youth indabas at local level. Young people and young professionals are leaving our church in numbers, for the newer churches. This could give opportunity for those who remain to tell us why their friends have left. Another option was to let the youth organisations like ASF and PYC sit down and produce a business plan on how to sustain this ministry in terms of its spirituality and material needs. That a lot is happening in dioceses i.r.o. youth ministry was acknowledged. It is not primarily a Provincial ministry. It was proposed that the organisations do their own strategic planning, and then come to the Bishops for a conversation about the nature of youth ministry at Provincial level.

The debate on this motion was adjourned.

PSC adjourned for tea at 16h30

PSC reconvened at 17h00

17h00      **TENTH SESSION**

10.1    Budget 2019 was presented by the Provincial Treasurer, Mr Rob Rogerson.

The budget was presented and debated section by section.

Section A – Theological Education – put and passed  
Section B – PYC, ASF, Ansoc chaplains – put and passed  
Section C – Media & Publishing – put and passed  
Section D – Metropolitan’s expenses – put and passed  
Section E – Augmentation of stipends – put and passed  
Section F – Provincial Administration, PSC, Synods –put and passed  
Section G – ACC, Lambeth, CAPA, Primates –put and passed  
Section H – CUC, SACC, AACC, Meetings of church leaders – put and passed  
Section I – Commissions, Legal, Deficit Funding, etc – put and passed  
Section J – Environmental network – put and passed. Bishop Elinnah and Canon Mash were acknowledged and thanked for their work.

The budget reflects a **decrease of** 2.94% (i.e. a drop on 2017-8).

The budget was then put and passed. The Archbishop thanked the Provincial Treasurer and his team.

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled the diocesan assessments for 2019. These were put and passed.

The Provincial Treasurer thanked Bishop Martin Breytenbach, outgoing chair of the Finance Committee, and Ms Terry Robinson, the assistant to the Provincial Treasurer. Bishop Martin in turn thanked the Provincial Treasurer.

18h30      Evening Prayer

19h00      Supper



1. Notes the work of and progress made by the Archbishop's Commission on human sexuality and commends its work of prayer and listening,
2. Taking into account the need for spiritual care for and support of those of our members that identify as LGBTIQ+
  - a) Hereby commits to ongoing engagement and listening to the members of this community and their extended families however affected.
3. Recognised that there are words that are used that this community finds abusive and offensive and have caused them pain.
4. Acknowledging the pain that this has caused, we commit to combat this through education, teaching and admonishment, in terms of our ACSA Pastoral Standards.
5. Noting that the Synod of Bishops has encouraged the Chair of the Commission to facilitate the completion of the Pastoral Guidelines for those in same sex unions and the LGBTIQ+ community in general, endorses this request and requires its completion by Provincial Synod of 2019.

The motion was debated.

PSC adjourned for tea at 10h20 and reconvened at 10h50

The Amended Motion was put and passed.

## **DIOCESE OF NIASSA AND THE FORMATION OF A NEW MISSIONARY DIOCESE**

In line with Canon 21.3 (b) as amended in 2016, this matter was brought to PSC for consultation. The matter had been discussed since 2012. The report given to the Synod of Bishops would be circulated to members of PSC.

## **TWELFTH SESSION**

Mrs Frankie Simpson proposed and The Very Revd Sharon Nell seconded

### **MOTION ARISING FROM SAFE CHURCH COMMISSION REPORT**

This PSC

1. Noting the work and efforts on the part of the ACC Safe Church Commission as well as its acceptance and introduction into ACSA
2. Recognises the need for the preventative measures of the Safe Church Commission to be implemented while the necessary Canonical amendments to Canon 4 are being prepared for Synod 2019:

Hereby resolves:

That with immediate effect, all ordinations, elections or consecrations of ordained ministers will include the requirement for a police clearance certificate to be obtained from a verified agency.

Should an adverse finding be made in terms of such police clearance, then the Diocesan Bishop or Archbishop as the case may be, should in their discretion determine how to deal with the finding.

In the case of lay ministers, especially those involved in youth and Sunday School teaching, this will be progressively implemented from 1 January 2019.

The motion was put and passed.

### **MOTION ON ANGLICAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

Ms Funeka Ndungane proposed and Bishop Adam Taaso - Lesotho - seconded

### **Implementation of Act X Association Charter for Anglican Institutions**

This PSC

Noting that the 2016 Provincial Synod adopted Act X Association Charter for Anglican Institutions,

We respectfully request that the Anglican Board of Education be tasked with supporting the implementation of said Act X by liaising with Dioceses where schools are situated.

The motion was put and passed.

The Revd. Lasarus Ngube proposed and Ms. Kim Williams seconded

### **MOTION ON CHURCH INCLUSIVITY**

Having regard to the fact that representation of the ASF and AYSA who are present at meetings of PSC and sessions of Provincial Synod do not have the right to propose motions or vote, this PSC respectfully requests the Anglican Canon Law Council of Southern Africa to:

1. investigate the awarding of full participation rights to ASF and AYSA representatives at PSC and Provincial Synod and
2. to prepare draft legislation on the point for consideration by Provincial Synod 2019.

After debate, the motion was passed.

PSC agreed that it be sent to the Canon Law Council to prepare legislation on the matter by Provincial Synod 2019, as to who is a member of PSC and Provincial Synod, in the light of attempts to trim the costs of these meetings. It was suggested that dioceses make greater efforts to get young people to our governance meetings.

### **MOTION ON YOUTH MINISTRY**

It was noted that this motion had been tabled earlier in this meeting of PSC, and was now being presented to PSC in an amended form.

The Ven Lundi Joko proposed and Kgotso Tau seconded

### **MOTION ARISING FROM BUDGET, AYSA AND ASF REPORTS**

This PSC recognizing the importance of youth ministry to our Discipleship Missional Priority urge the AYSA and ASF to

1. Conduct an assessment of current youth activities in Dioceses across the Province;
2. Using this as a basis for their Strategic Planning together with the Liaison Bishop to prepare a 5 year vision for the respective organizations.
3. The Liaison Bishop should present the outcome of this process to the ensuing Synod of Bishops for their discernment and engagement in further conversation.

The motion as amended was passed.

### **THE SHUTDOWN MOVEMENT AGAINST GANGSTERISM ON THE CAPE FLATS**

The Revd Canon Mark Long proposed and Lay Canon Charleen Van Rooyen seconded

This PSC,

1. acknowledges the struggle and pain experienced by communities caught in ongoing cycles of poverty across the Anglican Church of Southern Africa;
2. expresses support for communities across the country where ACSA operates, especially at this time on the Cape Flats and Westbury communities, and The Shutdown Movement in seeking to protest

peacefully the gangsterism flourishing under political patronage in their communities;

3. condemns the lack of action by National, Provincial and Local Government in addressing the rampant criminality in these communities, and the police's use of stun grenades, tear gas and water canons in dispersing the protestors on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018; and

4. supports religious and community leaders in their physical presence and guidance given to these communities in their efforts to ensure that this crisis receives urgent and practical attention by the authorities. THE SHUTDOWN MOVEMENT AGAINST GANGSTERISM ON THE CAPE FLATS

The motion was withdrawn for further amendment.

12h00 Angelus by the Bishop of Saldanha Bay

### **MOTION OF CONDOLENCES – DR CHRISTIAN REDDY**

Ms Kim Williams proposed and The Venerable Lundi Joko seconded

Provincial Standing Committee:

- notes with sadness the passing of Reverend Canon Doctor Christian Reddy, a retired priest in the False Bay Diocese.
- acknowledges Reverend Canon Doctor Reddy's work and dedication to the church for more than 60 years as principal of Good Shepherd EC School, where he was catechist for 20 years and then Priest for almost 46 years.
- Thanks be to God for a faithful, disciplined and loving servant and priest

Provincial Standing Committee: sends condolences to the Reddy Family.  
The motion was passed.

A message of love and greeting was received from Bishop Margaret Vertue.

## **MOTION ARISING FROM THE REPORT ON THE FELLOWSHIP OF DEACONS**

Archdeacon Dr George Palmer proposed and Bishop Charles May seconded

This PSC:

Noting that

There is an omission in terms of the duties of a distinctive deacon in the Prayer Book, this creates a lack of clarity among both clergy and laity.

Therefore this PSC respectfully requests that the Synod of Bishops be asked to:

1. Examine the role and ministry of permanent deacons in the Province with a view to recognising the distinctive vocation to the Holy Order of deacons, as discerned in respective Dioceses.
2. Apply their minds to this anomaly, to release a directive that would explain to the church the distinctive nature of the role of the permanent deacon as opposed to the transitional deacon.

It was agreed that debate on this motion would be suspended for amendment.

## **MOTION TO AMEND CANON 38**

Justin McBride proposed and Bishop Nkosinathi Ndwandwe seconded the following motion, which had been submitted by the Canon Law Council of Southern Africa

**Resolution Correcting and Clarifying Respectively  
Act XV and Canon 38  
("Of Proceedings Against Bishops")**

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Whereas:

- The Metropolitan has brought to the attention of the Anglican Canon Law Society of Southern Africa an apparent difficulty in relation to the application of Act XV, Procedure C
- The Council finds that there is a conflict between Act XV, Procedure C, and Canon 38(11), which requires clarification now and amendment by Provincial Synod.

Now therefore it is Declared by Way of Clarification That:

- Canon 38(11), “Of Proceedings Against Bishops”, specifically excludes any appeal from a Tribunal for the Trial of a Bishop, as its judgement is final and conclusive, subject only to any call made before final judgment for a referral to the Archbishop of Canterbury in terms of Canon 41(5) and (8), “Of Appeals”.
- The second sentence of Act XV, regarding “the same right of appeal as provided in Procedure B, Step 7” is accordingly non-canonical and must be presently ignored and in due course deleted by Provincial Synod.
- It is recommended that Canon 38(2) be further clarified by way of amendment by Provincial Synod specifying that in cases where the Metropolitan is the Accused all references to the Metropolitan’s duties in Canon 38 must be read to be those of the Dean of the Province.

The motion was passed.

PSC adjourned at 12h30 for lunch and reconvened at 14h00

14h00      **THIRTEENTH SESSION**

### 13.1 Legislative Matters including Motions/Resolutions

The Provincial Treasurer spoke to the earlier query about ACSA investment in fossil fuels. Provincial Pension Fund had disinvested in fossil fuels.

Travel Reimbursements - Increase in the travel reimbursements from the current R3.05- the SARS rate for is R3.61 was proposed by Bishop Martin Breytenbach and seconded by the Bishop of Zululand.

PSC approved.

#### **AGENDUM 1.3.7 MATTERS TO BE REFERRED TO THE CANON LAW COUNCIL**

Role of the Vicar General before the election of a bishop

Act XV to be made canonical to avoid contradicting Canon 38

Canon 34

Canon 43 and Canon 1.14 – representation at PSC and Synod

Synod of Bishops requested the Canon Law Council to look at Act XV in its entirety. This would be communicated to the ACLCSA

The Archbishop gave an update on Archbishop Desmond Tutu – he was doing well, and had been visited by Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane.

#### **MOTION OF SUPPORT FOR ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS DESMOND AND LEAH TUTU:**

An unopposed motion was proposed by Canon Mark Long and seconded by Lay Canon Charleen van Rooyen:

This PSC having received word of the medical treatment being received by our Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.

1. Reassures the family of our love, prayers and continued support as the ACSA family.

2. May the faithful Creator we serve bring full and complete healing to God's faithful servant, and comfort him and his loving family.

## **COMMUNITY ACTION AGAINST DRUGS & GANGSTERISM ACROSS ACSA**

The Revd Canon Mark Long proposed and Lay Canon Charleen van Rooyen seconded the amended motion:

This PSC,

14. acknowledges the struggle and pain experienced by communities within Southern Africa caught in ongoing cycles of poverty;
15. expresses specific support for communities in Westbury and on the Cape Flats and The Shutdown Movement in seeking to peacefully protest against the gangsterism flourishing in their communities;
16. condemns the lack of effective action by National, Provincial and Local Government in addressing the rampant criminality in these communities, and the police's substantial use of non-lethal means in dispersing The Shutdown Movement's protest in the Cape Flats on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018; and
17. requests the Archbishop to assure the religious and community leaders and structures on the ground of our prayers as they continue to give guidance to these communities in seeking to ensure these crises receive urgent and practical attention by the authorities.

The Archbishop noted with great concern the killings of police in SA, and the need for people to respect the police; as well as the things happening in our schools.

## **MOTION ARISING FROM THE REPORT ON THE FELLOWSHIP OF DEACONS**

Archdeacon Dr George Palmer proposed and Bishop Charles May seconded

Noting that:

1. ACSA has recognized that the ordained ministry of the Church is a 3-fold ministry of deacons, priests and Bishops; and
2. Celebrating the ministry of those who are discerned to the distinctive and permanent ministry of deacon in the church;

Calls upon the Archbishop to establish a Commission\* to investigate the ministry of the distinctive and permanent diaconate and to report to Provincial Synod 2019

\*The Archbishop may in his discretion make use of the following structures for this purpose:

Advisory Board for Theological Education  
Liturgical Committee

The motion as amended was passed.

## **MOTION ON THE ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PFROVINCIAL COUNCIL GREETING**

Ms Thobeka Jack proposed and Dean Andrew Hunter seconded

This PSC, noting that:

- The AWF will be holding its 26<sup>th</sup> Provincial Council meeting starting 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018;
- The delegates from different Dioceses will be travelling to the hosting Diocese of Grahamstown;

Respectfully requests the different Dioceses to provide the necessary support to AWF members in prayers for travelling mercies and success of the event.

The amended motion was passed.

The Archbishop acknowledged the presence of the AWF President at PSC, and asked that greetings be conveyed.

### **MOTION OF SUPPORT – MOTHERS UNION**

Ms Thobeka Jack proposed and Dean Andrew Hunter seconded

This PSC, noting that:

- MU will be holding its 52<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Council meeting starting 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018;
- The delegates from different Dioceses will be travelling to the hosting Diocese of Port Elizabeth;

Respectfully requests the different Dioceses to provide the necessary support to MU members in prayers for travelling mercies and success of the event.

The motion was passed.

### **FOURTEENTH SESSION**

- o Motion of Thanks – Dean of the Province

#### **Vote of thanks – PSC 2018**

Your Grace Archbishop Thabo and members of the Provincial standing Committee, allow me to convey our sincere gratitude to the following people and bodies,

Archbishop Thabo and all members of the Provincial Standing Committee Advisory Committee for making all the necessary preparations and arrangements, and for ensuring that everything was ready and in place for the PSC to take place.

For Revd Dalcy Dlamini, the Archbishop's Chaplain.

Mr Rob Rogerson, Provincial Treasurer and Ms Terry Robinson, Assistant Provincial Treasurer for taking care of the financial, accommodation and travelling logistical arrangements

PEO, the Venerable Horace Arenz and Matlotly Mototjane, for taking care of all the logistics related to the PSC, and for ensuring that all the information and correspondence were timeously communicated and dispatched to all the delegates.

Rev Keith Griffiths and the Liturgical Committee for organizing and arranging worship services, and indeed for producing worship materials for our use at this PSC.

Our legal team, Judge Ian Farlam, Ms Rosalie Manning and Lloyd Fortuin for their guidance on legal matters.

Bishop Charles May, and the people of Highveld Diocese for hosting this PSC in their diocese, for their hospitality and for providing all the paraphernalia needed for the services.

Canon Cynthia Botha and Canon Maureen Simon who manned the mobile office just outside this chamber to ensure the much-needed items we use in our parishes were dispensed.

Professor Barney Pityana for his progress report on the work already done by the Archbishop's Commission on the College of the Transfiguration and Theological education.

Bishop Raphael Hess and Ms Rosalie Manning for their progress report of the Archbishop's Commission on Human Sexuality issues.

Bishop Brian Marajh and Ms Rosalie Manning for their report on behalf of the Safe Church Commission.

Reverend Keith Griffiths *et al* for their progress report on the work of the Liturgical Committee.

Canon Dr Kgabe, Rector of the College for giving us a report on the affairs of the College.

Mr John Allen for his guidance on Media issues

Mr Rob Rogerson for sharing with us some of the principles of the budget, and for his preparation and presentation of the 2019 Budget to this PSC.

Dean Andrew Hunter and Mrs Freda Chigumadzi for taking the minutes of this PSC.

Minutes Scrutineers under the leadership of Bishop Garth Counsell

Archbishop Thabo and Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya for presiding at the Eucharist services.

Brother Luc from TAIZE Community for sharing with us, words of wisdom and encouragement, and for sharing the exciting news of TAIZE Pilgrimage of Trust taking place in the coming year in Cape Town.

Bishop Martin Breytenbach and Dean Simon Aiken for their beautiful music accompaniment that blended so well with hymns and songs that were sung.

To our invited guests and all leaders of various organizations who joined us and have been with us since the beginning of this PSC.

Emmanuel Swartz sound technician for making sure that the sound system was in working condition and behaving.

Provost Sharon Nell for sharing that inspiring and provocative message with us this morning.

The Management and Kitchen staff of Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre for their kind hospitality, and for taking care of our physical needs.

To all the dioceses in our Province for having confidence in you and choosing you to represent them at this PSC, you have all done very well, and we thank you for your energetic and robust participation on matters that were put before us. And as you return back home we commend you to God's loving care and travelling mercies.

To the President of Provincial Standing Committee, His Grace Archbishop Thabo for leading and guiding us in this PSC, and for the huge responsibility that he carries on his shoulders to ensure that this Church, this Province does not deviate from the *Missio Dei*, the ministry to which we have been called. We would like to wish you well Your Grace, and may God's abundant blessings be upon you and your family.

PSC applauded its appreciation.

Bishop Martin Breytenbach proposed a motion of thanks to the Dean of the Province.

The Archbishop thanked the members of the Resolutions Committee and the chair, Lloyd Fortuin.

- o Themes for Provincial Synod 2019

The Archbishop invited suggestions for Provincial Synod 2019.

- o PSC Minutes

PSC gave its concurrence for the minutes to be approved and signed, once they had been scrutinized and corrected.

- o PSC Closure

PSC was closed at 15h15

Members of PSC gathered for Evening Prayer

19h00 Dinner

<b>SATURDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2018</b>
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07h00

Morning Prayer

In rooms

08h00            Breakfast

09h00            Departures

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_