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Please note: If you are to propose or second a motion, please be ready to do so at any time! It is impossible to predict how long items will take – so this Order Paper is only a guideline. Things are certain to change as Synod proceeds, and updates will be produced if they are required.

11th Diocesan Synod: 20th-23rd August 2015

Order Paper (1)

Thursday 20th August

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| 18:00 | <u>Opening of Synod</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
| | During the Eucharist | Agenda Book (page) |
| 1) | Quorum and Constitution of Synod | Registrar |
| 2) | Time of meeting for business this evening | 1 (3) |
| 3) | Bishop's Charge: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" | Handout |
| | At the End of the Eucharist | |
| 4) | Greetings from Guests | |
| 20:00 | Dinner | |
| 20:45 | <u>Session 1</u> | |
| | <i>During this session we need to deal, quickly and efficiently, with some of the formalities required to run an effective Synod. Please refer to the Agenda Book and Page as indicated.</i> | |
| 5) | Synod Timetable | 1 (3) |
| 6) | Election and Appointment of Synod Office Bearers | 2 (23) |
| | <i>We will also be supported by Intercessors from the Diocese, and our Interns serve as "Runners". Thank you!</i> | |
| | <u>Notices</u> | |
| | ✦ We meet in the church for Morning Prayer and Bible Study at 08:00. Please be punctual! | |
| | ✦ Elections: Nomination process – please start now! (Chancellor) | 1 (17-19) |

Friday 21st August

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| 07:30 | <i>Please remember to sign the attendance register every day!</i> | |
| 08:00 | <u>Morning Prayer and Bible Study</u> "Multiplication with Transformation" | Kopanong & Vhembe |
| 09:00 | <u>Session 2</u> <i>There will be a tea break from 10:45 to 11:10 and Midday Prayers at 12 noon</i> | |
| | Daily Order of Synod <i>The daily order of Synod follows the "Standing Rules" in the Constitution and Canons of ACSA – Standing Rule 14 (p 181)</i> | |
| 7) | Prayers | |
| 8) | Quorum | |

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- 9) Minutes of Eucharist and Session 1
- 10) Presentation and Reading of Petitions
- 11) Notice of Motions Rule 7.32
 ✦ Arising from the Bishop's Charge
 ✦ Additional Motions (Require a ¾ majority)
- 12) Notice of Questions
- 13) Report on action taken concerning resolutions passed at the last Diocesan Synod (Rule 7.23.3) 2 (87-88)

Measures to Amend Diocesan Rules: 1st Reading

*We only debate and approve or reject the **principles** of proposed rule changes.*

- 14) **Measure 1:** Length of Service as Churchwardens and Church Council Members 1 (9-10)
*If the principle is approved, then the measure is referred to **Committee of Synod** to work on the detailed wording this evening. The Diocesan Chancellor and the proposer and seconder are required to be present. Other members of Synod are invited to participate.*

Motions Submitted In Advance (Rule 7.31)

- 15) **Motion 2:** Multiplication with Transformation – All-Encompassing Church Planting with Discipleship 2 (24)
- 16) **Motion 5:** Age Requirements for Church Council Members 2 (26)
- 17) **Motion 6:** Requirement for Lay Ministers 2 (26)
- 18) **Motion 7:** Co-Opted Members of Church Councils 2 (26)
- 19) **Motion to receive all reports in the Agenda Books**

10:45 Tea Break

- 11:15 **First Conference of Synod: The Bishop's Charge** Handout
 to *Members of Synod will meet in small groups to respond to the **Bishop's Charge**. The* 2 (58-59)
 12:15 ***Bishop's Office Reports** and **Organisation Reports** may also be discussed in the light of the Charge. You may formulate motions to present to Synod. These should be prepared for presentation immediately after this conference.* 2 (78-86)
Three copies will be required:
 ✦ One for the President of Synod
 ✦ One for the Secretaries
 ✦ One for the Proposer of the motion

Midday Prayers

MU and AWF

- 20) **Debate:** Bishop's Charge
- 21) **Notice of Motions** arising from the Bishop's Charge Rule 7.32
If there is time, some of these motions may be debated immediately

13:00 Lunch Break

14:00 Session 3

- 14:00 **Second Conference of Synod: Growing the Church** 2 (69-78)
 to *Members of Synod will meet in small groups to discuss the **Growing the Church** Reports.*
 15:00 *You may formulate motions to present to Synod. These should be prepared for presentation immediately after this conference. As before, **three copies** will be required.*

- 22) **Debate:** Growing the Church
- 23) **Notice of Motions** in connection with Growing the Church Rule 7.32
If there is time, some of these motions may be debated immediately

15:30 Tea Break

- 24) **Motions** of which notice was given earlier in the day (Items 11, 21 & 23) Rule 7.32
- 25) **Unopposed Motions** Rule 7.33
These are motions of greeting, congratulations, condolences etc. No debate is allowed, and they are only passed if there are no votes against.

Notices

- ✦ Progress with Nominations for Elections 1 (17-19)

- 17:30 Evening Prayer Lepelle & Waterberg
- 18:00 Light Supper
- 19:00 **Committee of Synod**

Saturday 22nd August

- 07:30 *Please remember to sign the attendance register every day!*
- 08:00 **Morning Prayer and Bible Study** Mopani
 “Development Using Church Resources” Pat & Philip

- 09:00 **Session 4**
There will be a tea break from 10:45 to 11:10 and Midday Prayers at 12 noon

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- 26) Prayers
- 27) Quorum
- 28) Minutes of Sessions 2 & 3
- 29) Presentation and Reading of Petitions
- 30) Notice of Motions Rule 7.32
 ✦ Arising from the Bishop’s Charge
 ✦ Additional Motions (Require a ¾ majority)
- 31) Notice of Questions
- 32) Asking and Answering of Questions of which Notice has been Given

Measures to Amend Diocesan Rules: 2nd Reading

At this stage we receive a report from the Committee of Synod, with the proposed final wording of the rule changes.

- 33) **Measure 1:** Length of Service as Churchwardens and Church Council Members 1 (9-10)

Motions Submitted In Advance (Rule 7.31)

- 34) **Motion 3:** Community Development & Social Responsibility 2 (25)
Presentation: Volunteers and Interns Pat Lennox
- 35) **Motion 4:** Youth Volunteers 2 (25)

- 10:45 Tea Break

- 11:15 **Third Conference of Synod: Development**
- to *Members of Synod will meet in small groups to discuss the **Development** Reports. In* 2 (64-69)
- 12:15 *particular, what can parishes and organisations do to implement Motions 3 and 4?* 2 (25)
- You may formulate motions to present to Synod. These should be prepared for presentation immediately after this conference. As before, **three copies** will be required.*

Midday Prayers

Bernard Mizeki
Guild

- 36) **Debate:** Development
- 37) **Notice of Motions** in connection with Development Rule 7.32
If there is time, some of these motions may be debated immediately

- 13:00 Lunch Break

Session 5

A special welcome to Churchwardens and Treasurers who have joined us for this session on Finances

Financial Motions

- 38) **Reception:** Audited Financial Statements (2012-2014) Tabled
Members of Synod are welcome to peruse these reports. If you would like a copy, please speak to Diocesan Administrator Freda Chigumadzi

- 39) **Motion 8:** Musina Mission Arrears 2 (27)
 40) **Appointment** of Diocesan Auditor (Nominated by Finance Board) 1 (19)

14:30 to 16:00 **Fourth Conference of Synod: Budget Presentation & Governance**

*This session begins in plenary, with the presentation of the **Summary Proposed Budget** and the **budget acceptance process**.*

We then move into Group discussion in two parts:

✦ **Detailed Budget Presentation** – in the church (for all Churchwardens, Treasurers and any others who would like to attend. All parishes must be represented in this meeting.

✦ **Members of Synod will meet in small groups to discuss the **Governance and Parish Reports** (you only need to look at the parish reports of those in your group). You may formulate motions to present to Synod. These should be prepared for presentation immediately after this conference. As before, three copies will be required.**

Proposed Budget Summary & Parish Pledges

2 (59-63)
2 (27-57)

16:00 Tea Break

41) **Debate:** Governance

42) **Notice of Motions** in connection with Governance

If there is time, some of these motions may be debated immediately

43) **Motions** of which notice was given earlier during Synod

44) **Unopposed Motions**

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Notices

✦ Closure of Nominations for Elections

1 (17-19)

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17:30 Evening Prayer

18:00 Light Supper

Sunday 23rd August

07:30 *Please remember to sign the attendance register every day!*

08:00 Sunday Eucharist

Practical Discipleship

We join the congregations of Christ Church Cathedral for a combined Eucharist

✦ **Celebrant:** Dean Luke Pretorius

✦ **Preacher:** Canon Shearsby Mupfudzapake

10:00 Tea

10:30 Session 6

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45) Prayers

46) Quorum

47) Minutes of Sessions 4 & 5

48) Presentation and Reading of Petitions

49) Notice of Motions

✦ Arising from the Bishop's Charge

✦ Additional Motions (Require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority)

50) Asking and Answering of Questions of which Notice has been Given

Rule 7.32

Measures to Amend Diocesan Rules: 3rd Reading

The detailed measure is finally approved or rejected

51) **Measure 1:** Length of Service as Churchwardens and Church Council Members

1 (9-10)

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| 52) | Motion 1: Practical Discipleship and Base Line Study | 2 (24) |
| 11:15 to 12:00 | Elections <i>Matsaro Semanya will conduct the elections with the help of members of the Legal Team and Jacky Machaba. The results will be announced in the minutes and the Bishop's Ad Clerum.</i> | 1 (17-19) |
| 53) | Motions of which notice was given earlier during Synod – <i>if there is time!</i> | Rule 7.32 |
| 54) | Unopposed Motions <i>These are motions of greeting, congratulations, condolences etc. No debate is allowed, and they are only passed if there are no votes against.</i> | Rule 7.33 |
| 55) | Vote of Thanks <u>Notices</u> Closure | Luke |
| 56) | Minutes of Session 6 | |
| 57) | Promulgation of Synod | Rule 7.41 |