

# The Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

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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.*

## 12<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod: 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### Order Paper (1)

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August

18:00	<b><u>Opening of Synod</u></b>	<u>Reference</u>
	<b>During the Eucharist</b>	<b>Agenda Book (page)</b>
1)	Quorum and Constitution of Synod	Registrar
2)	Time of meeting for business this evening	1 (3)
3)	<b>Bishop's Charge:</b> "Living and Sharing Jesus-Shaped Life"	Handout
	<b>At the End of the Eucharist</b>	
4)	Greetings from Guests	
20:00	<b>Dinner</b>	
20:45	<b><u>Opening Session</u></b>	
	<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	1 (7)
	<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. <b>Please be punctual!</b>	
	✦ Elections: Nomination process – <b>please start now!</b> (Chancellor)	1 (11-13)

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August

07:30	<i>Please remember to sign the attendance register every day!</i>	
08:00	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (Kopanong & Vhembe)	2 (23)
	<b>Bible Study:</b> "Living Jesus-Shaped Life" (†Martin)	2(24)
09:30	<b><u>Session 1</u></b>	
	<b>Daily Order of Synod</b>	
	<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	Registrar

*Diocesan Vision: To make disciples in vibrant, self-sufficient congregations established and linked to each other by sharing in resources; ministry & service; outreach & evangelism.*

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| 9)  | Minutes of Eucharist and Opening Session  | Secretaries  |
| 10) | Presentation and Reading of Petitions   |              |
| 11) | Notice of Motions   | Rule 7.32    |
|     | ✦ Arising from the Bishop's Charge  |              |
|     | ✦ Additional Motions (Require a ⅔ majority)   |              |
|     | <b>Motion 24:</b> Sale of Land at Jane Furse Memorial Village                                 | Page 6 below |
| 12) | Notice of Questions   |              |
| 13) | Report on action taken concerning resolutions passed at the last Diocesan Synod (Rule 7.23.3) | 2 (98-99)    |

### Measures to Amend Diocesan Rules: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

*We only debate and approve or reject the **principles** of proposed rule changes, unless a rule change is declared to be of a formal nature.*

*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.*

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| 14) | <b>Measure 1:</b> Requirement for Lay Ministers | 1 (8) |
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### Motions Submitted In Advance (Rule 7.31)

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| 15) | <b>Motion 12:</b> Order of St Mark: Betty Monyemorathoe          | 2 (36) |
| 16) | <b>Motion 13:</b> Order of St Mark: Muriel Wagenhauser           | 2 (36) |
| 17) | <b>Motion 2:</b> Requirements for Membership                     |        |
| 18) | <b>Motion 1:</b> Funerals of Non-Anglicans or Even Non-Believers | 1 (8)  |
| 19) | <b>Motion to receive all reports in the Agenda Books</b>         |        |

10:45 [Tea Break](#)

### 11:10 [Session 2](#)

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| 11:15 to 12:00 | <b>First Conference of Synod: The Bishop's Charge &amp; Parishes</b><br><i>Members of Synod will meet in small groups to respond to the <b>Bishop's Charge</b>. The <b>Bishop's Office</b> reports and <b>Parish</b> 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.</i><br><b>Three copies will be required:</b> | Handout<br>2 (78)<br>2 (41-77) |
|                | ✦ One for the President of Synod  |                                |
|                | ✦ One for the Secretaries   |                                |
|                | ✦ One for the Proposer of the motion  |                                |

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| 12:00 | <b>Midday Prayers</b>  | MU and AWF |
| 20)   | <b>Debate:</b> Bishop's Charge   |            |
| 21)   | <b>Notice of Motions</b> arising from the Bishop's Charge<br><i>If there is time, some of these motions may be debated immediately</i> | Rule 7.32  |
| 22)   | <b>Motion 23:</b> Unopposed Motion for the Bishop  | 2 (41)     |
| 23)   | <b>Motion 7:</b> Commitment to Disciple-Making   | 2 (33)     |
| 24)   | <b>Motion 8:</b> Evangelism & Church Growth  | 2 (34)     |
| 25)   | <b>Motion 17:</b> Safe Church Network  | 2 (38)     |

13:00 [Lunch Break](#)

### 14:00 [Session 3](#)

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| 14:00 to 14:40 | <b>Second Conference of Synod: Growing the Church</b><br><i>Members of Synod will meet in small groups to discuss the <b>Growing the Church</b> reports. You may formulate motions to present to Synod. These should be prepared for presentation immediately after this conference. As before, <b>three copies</b> will be required.</i> | 2 (81-85) |
| 26)            | <b>Debate:</b> Growing the Church   |           |
| 27)            | <b>Notice of Motions</b> in connection with Growing the Church<br><i>If there is time, some of these motions may be debated immediately</i>   | Rule 7.32 |
| 28)            | <b>Motion 5:</b> Admission of Baptized Children to Communion before Confirmation  | 2 (32)    |

15:30	<u>Tea Break</u>	
15:50	<b><u>Session 4</u></b>	
29)	<b>Motion 9:</b> Generational Gap Conversations	2 (34)
30)	<b>Motion 20:</b> Youth and Children Budget	2 (40)
31)	<b>Motion 21:</b> Youth Leadership	2 (40)
32)	<b>Motions</b> of which notice was given earlier in the day (Items 11, 21 & 26)	Rule 7.32
33)	<b>Unopposed Motions</b> <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
	<u>Notices</u>	
	✦ Progress with Nominations for Elections	1 (17-19)
17:30	<b>Evening Prayer</b> (Lepelle & Waterberg)	2 (23)
18:00	<u>Light Supper</u>	
19:00	<b>Committee of Synod</b>	<i>If required...</i>

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

07:30	<i>Please remember to sign the attendance register every day!</i>	
08:00	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (Mopani)	2 (23)
08:30	<b>Bible Study:</b> "Sharing Jesus-Shaped Life" (†Martin)	2 (24)
09:30	<b><u>Session 5</u></b>	
	<b>Daily Order of Synod</b> <i>The daily order of Synod follows the "Standing Rules" in the Constitution and Canons of ACSA – Standing Rule 14 (p 181)</i>	
34)	Prayers	
35)	Quorum	<i>Registrar</i>
36)	Minutes of Sessions 1 to 4	<i>Secretaries</i>
37)	Presentation and Reading of Petitions	
38)	Notice of Motions	Rule 7.32
	✦ Arising from the Bishop's Charge	
	✦ Additional Motions (Require a ⅔ majority)	
39)	Notice of Questions	
40)	Asking and Answering of Questions of which Notice has been Given	
	<b>Measures to Amend Diocesan Rules: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> <i>At this stage we receive a report from the Committee of Synod, with the proposed final wording of the rule changes.</i>	
	<b>Motions Submitted In Advance (Rule 7.31)</b>	
41)	<b>Motion 16:</b> Retired Clergy as Trainers and Mentors in Assisting Diocesan Training	2 (38)
42)	<b>Motion 19:</b> Unity in Worship	2 (39)
43)	<b>Motions</b> of which notice was given earlier in Synod (Items 11, 21, 26 & 37)	Rule 7.32
10:45	<u>Tea Break</u>	

### 11:10 **Session 6**

11:15	<b>Third Conference of Synod: Development &amp; Organisations</b>	
to	<i>Members of Synod will meet in small groups to discuss the <b>Development</b> reports and the reports of <b>Diocesan Organisations</b>. You may formulate motions to present to Synod.</i>	2 (86-88)
12:00	<i>These should be prepared for presentation immediately after this conference. As before, <b>three copies</b> will be required.</i>	2 (89-97)

12:00	<b>Midday Prayers</b>	Diocesan Youth Leaders
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- 44) **Debate:** Development
- 45) **Notice of Motions** in connection with Development Rule 7.32  
*If there is time, some of these motions may be debated immediately*
- 46) **Motion 3:** Constitution of Jane Furse Memorial Village 1 (9)
- 47) **Motion 4:** Constitution of St Mark's College 1 (9)
- 48) **Motion 14:** Paperless Diocese by 2021 2 (37)

13:00 Lunch Break

### 14:00 Session 7

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

#### **Financial Motions**

- 49) **Reception:** Audited Financial Statements (2015-2017) Tabled  
*Members of Synod are welcome to peruse these reports. If you would like a copy, please speak to Diocesan Administrator Freda Chigumadzi*
- 50) **Motion 10:** Lephallale Mission Parish Arrears 2 (34)
- 51) **Motion 22:** Zoutpansberg Parish Arrears 2 (40)
- 52) **Motion 18:** Travelling Rates Review 2 (39)
- 53) **Appointment** of Diocesan Auditor (Nominated by Finance Board) 1 (13)

### 14:30 **Fourth Conference of Synod: Budget Presentation & Governance**

to  
15:30 *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 **Budget** and **Governance** reports. In particular, please discuss how to teach your people about stewardship and giving. 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 (78-80)

15:30 Tea Break

### 15:50 Session 8

- 54) **Debate:** Governance
- 55) **Notice of Motions** in connection with Governance Rule 7.32  
*If there is time, some of these motions may be debated immediately*
- 56) **Motion 6:** Communication 2 (32)
- 57) **Motion 15:** Priests in Charge 2 (38)
- 58) **Motion 11** Mandatory Age of Retirement for Stipendiary Clergy and Licensing of Older Non-Stipendiary Clergy 2 (35)
- 59) **Motions** of which notice was given earlier during Synod Rule 7.32
- 60) **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

- ✦ Closure of Nominations for Elections 1 (17-19)

17:30 **Evening Prayer (West & South-West)** 2 (23)

18:00 Light Supper

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

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

### 08:00 Sunday Eucharist

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

✦ **Celebrant & Preacher:** Dean Luke Pretorius

10:00 Tea

### 10:30 Final Session

#### **Daily Order of Synod**

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| 61) | Prayers  |             |
| 62) | Quorum   | Registrar   |
| 63) | Minutes of Sessions 5 to 8                                       | Secretaries |
| 64) | Presentation and Reading of Petitions                            |             |
| 65) | Notice of Motions  | Rule 7.32   |
|     | ✦ Arising from the Bishop's Charge                               |             |
|     | ✦ Additional Motions (Require a ⅔ majority)                      |             |
| 66) | Asking and Answering of Questions of which Notice has been Given |             |

#### **Measures to Amend Diocesan Rules: 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

The detailed measure is finally approved or rejected

#### **Motions Submitted In Advance (Rule 7.31)**

If there are any that we have not yet debated

11:15	<b>Elections</b>	
to	Matsaro Semanya will conduct the elections with the help of members of the Legal Team,	1 (11-13)
12:00	Walter Setshedi and the Diocesan Interns. The results will be announced in the minutes and the Bishop's Ad Clerum.	

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| 67) | <b>Motions</b> of which notice was given earlier during Synod – <i>if there is time!</i>  | Rule 7.32 |
| 68) | <b>Unopposed Motions</b><br><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 |
| 69) | <b>Vote of Thanks</b>   | Dean Luke |

#### Notices

#### **Closure**

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| 70) | Minutes of Final Session | Secretaries |
| 71) | Promulgation of Synod    | Rule 7.41   |

## **Motion 24: Sale of Land at Jane Furse Memorial Village**

### **Background**

The Executive Team of the Jane Furse Village has been in discussions with the District Municipality since 2014 for the sale and purchase of 10 hectares of land which was awarded to the Diocese in terms of Land Redistribution. (Minutes of meeting of the Board of Trustees dated 21st November 2014.) Nothing could be done until the land was transferred into the name of the Diocesan Trustees and the Minister of Land Affairs had consented to the sale .

A valuation of the land was done and an amount of R1million was mentioned as a ball park figure. The Diocesan Board of Trustees agreed to give the District Municipality a Power of attorney to appoint experts to carry out an Environmental Impact Study and Assessment of the land they wished to buy. Surveys were carried out and the land approved as being suitable for offices for the Municipality.

At a meeting of Diocesan Trustees on the 17th July 2015 it was reported that the district Municipality was eagerly pursuing the issue but the title deed issue was delaying progress.

The property was registered in the name of the Diocese on the 16th October 2016. At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 18th November 2016 it was minuted that the process of the sale be incorporated into the discussion with the land transfer because in terms of the title deed the consent of the Minister was required before the Diocese could sell any land. In March 2017 application was made through the offices of the Land Restitution Commission to the Minister of Land Affairs to sell to the District Municipality the 10 hectares already surveyed and accepted as environmentally suitable.

No response was received.

A new application to the Minister was lodged in March 2018 requiring the Minister to approve the sale of approximately 10 hectares of the property as surveyed and agreed to by the Municipality for an amount to be agreed and transfer of the remainder of the property, when the trustees believe the time is right, to the Jane Furse Memorial Village Non-Profit Company.

The Office of the Minister of Rural Development and Land Affairs requires a formal resolution from the Diocese to complete their documentation.

### **Resolution**

The Synod of the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist hereby resolves

- 1) to sell the identified and surveyed 10 hectares of the Portion 21 of the farm Vergelegen to the Sekhukhune District Municipality or the appropriate local government authority for an amount and under conditions to be agreed upon;
- 2) to transfer the remainder of the property into the name of the Jane Furse Village Non Profit Company when the Diocesan Trustees deem the time is right;

and requests the Honourable Minister of Rural Development and Land Affairs to consent to this course of action.