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*Church Matters June 2008*

*03/2008*

*Clergy Stipends and Allowances 2008-9*

Attached please find a copy of the schedule of stipends and allowances for 2008-9 for persons in ministry positions, as recommended by the Diocesan Remuneration Commission and adopted by Standing Committee, acting for Diocesan Council.

These rates will apply from the pay period commencing 2 July 2008. The new casual ministry rates will apply to services conducted on or after Sunday 6 July 2008.

The superannuation contribution made by the parish or agency, in addition to stipend, has been increased from 12% of stipend to 13% of stipend from the same date.

*Synod*

Sincere thanks go to 177 Tasmanian Anglicans whose preparation for and participation in the meetings of the Synod of the Diocese over last weekend contributed to the outcomes achieved. Synod received the Bishop's charge, passed a number of items of legislation, approved Canons of the national church, adopted reports and heard presentations which were both challenging and encouraging.

Written feedback to the Registrar on ways to make meetings of Synod as effective and useful as possible are warmly invited.

*Did you get the material distributed at Synod for all parishes?*

Packages addressed to parish secretaries were distributed at Synod to representatives to save postage, or mailed shortly thereafter. If you did not receive your package, please contact Lesley on 62202019. The packages contained, among other items:

*Prayer Diaries – 2 copies per parish*

If you would like a copy of the prayer diary, do please ask. Prayer is essential to our life as a Diocese and Prayer Diaries are free! If your parish would like numbers to distribute, we are happy to send them. If requesting a large number, please consider whether you can assist with the cost to us which is \$1.50 per copy.

## *Directories – 2 copies per parish*

If your parish would like additional copies, they are available for \$4.00 each. It will in time be available free on our website, but at this time we are not quite sure how soon.

## *Resource Booklets*

Your package contains a copy of each of two booklets provided free by the generosity of the Eastern Region of the Diocese of Melbourne. One booklet provides a framework for parish decision-making in creating new ministries or facilities, whilst the other addresses bullying behaviours in a local church context. Please consider what use might be made of these resources in your parish, and contact the Archdiocese of Melbourne about the availability of further copies, should you wish to obtain more.

## *We're in good form(s)*

As a result of small changes to the Assessment Authorisation Ordinance at Synod this year, fresh forms for parishes to lodge returns for 2008 are under preparation. They will reach you before the end of this financial year, together with annual statistical return forms and essential parish information forms. Stay tuned!

## *The Tasmanian Council of Churches has moved*

Please note the following new address etc of the TCC:

Tasmanian Council of Churches  
96 Margaret Street  
Launceston  
Tasmania 7250

Telephone: (03) 6334 3942 Mobile: 0437 250 117 (Executive Officer)  
E-mail: [tcctas@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tcctas@bigpond.net.au)

## *White Pages 2008*

We have received notification that the deadline for changes to the *printed* version of the White Pages this year is 18 July. Would each parish please check its White Pages entry *on-line* (as this is the most up-to-date version). To do this go to [www.whitepages.com.au](http://www.whitepages.com.au), type Anglican Church in the business name field and then select your region. Please notify Lesley of any changes required by 10 July 2008. We will not be sending out a reminder letter to each parish individually this year, in order to save money and paper.

Russell Morton  
*REGISTRAR*  
29 May 2008

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