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Website

Would you please take a few minutes to check your parish details on the website www.anglicantas.org.au and notify any changes which need to be made (eg person to contact) to Lesley Metcalfe's email address registry@anglicantas.org.au.

Diocesan Remuneration Commission

The bi-annual Diocesan Remuneration Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 November 2007 at 5.00 pm in the office of The Hon David Llewellyn MHA, Hobart.

If you wish to appear before the Commission to make a submission, you are required to give notice. Please advise me by no later than 13 November 2007, two weeks prior to the meeting

If you wish to make a written submission this also needs to reach me at least two weeks prior to the meeting (13 November 2007) so it can be forwarded.

Paid Staff

From the annual returns it seems some parishes may still have employees who are not paid through the Ministry Fund. This puts the onus on the parish to ensure compliance with the all legal requirements, such as those for Workers' Compensation insurance cover, taxation and superannuation, to name three. I would strongly recommend that all employment matters be handled through Registry to ensure protection for all concerned, commencing with detailed letters of appointment for which we can furnish drafts.

A Useful Website

Below is a link to the ADCIS Directory. This website provides an extensive list of Tasmanian services ranging from accommodation services, employment services, counselling and aged and community care, and is a worthwhile resource for parishes and clergy. A search of the site reveals the very extensive ministry of Anglicare across our State.

<http://www.adcis.org.au/directory.html>

Annual Returns

The 30 September deadline for submission of Financial Returns, Statistics and Essential Parish Information has passed. "Where is this year going?", you ask. If your parish has not yet submitted its return, we would appreciate an early response. If there is a problem such as a delay at the auditing stage, please let us know when we might expect your return. We **DO** need the audited accounts to accept and act on the returns. A big vote of thanks to all those hard-working Treasurers for their efforts, not just at this time of the year.

Changes to *Missions Together*

This body, serving to bring together ABM and CMS for certain purposes, is being disbanded with effect from 31 January 2008 as the representatives of the two missions judge it no longer serves a useful purpose. ABM Ltd organises its finances and promotional work nationally, and CMS in this State is now blessed with a permanent (and very hardworking) Secretary, giving additional focus to the work of the Society. There is much gratitude felt to God and to those who have worked within this structure and its progenitor, Anglican Mission Tasmania, for what has been achieved in the past, whilst recognising that needs change.

Residual funds held by *Missions Together* are to be split equally between ABM and CMS. It is anticipated that a meeting of these and other interested Anglican Mission agencies will be held annually to review and plan any joint action. From the same date, I understand the Anglican Bookroom will close, and once again it is a matter of thanks to God for the wonderful service offered by the volunteers whose sterling efforts through this ministry have maintained the flow of funds to missions.

Please inform treasurers and parishioners to forward their gifts for these bodies to:

CMS

The Honorary Treasurer
Revd Craig Arnold
20 Bruce Street
PROSPECT Tasmania 7250

ABM

Anglican Board of Mission Australia Ltd
Locked Bag Q4005
Queen Victoria Building
NSW 1230

The Diocesan Office will no longer be in a position to accept, for transmission, gifts and donations to ABM or CMS from the end of this calendar year.

Special Meeting of Synod

Bishop John has summoned Synod to meet from 7.00pm on the evening of Friday 9 November at St John's Launceston to consider an exciting and challenging mission strategy together with certain legislation necessary for it to be implemented. Summons were sent on Monday to parish representatives and eligible clergy on our database. If anyone who would expect to be summoned did not receive a Summons, or if changes to reps were made at your recent Annual Meeting but have not yet been communicated, please let the Diocesan Office know immediately.

Next Meeting of Diocesan Council - Change of Venue

As a consequence of the special meeting of Synod, the meeting of Diocesan Council slated for Campbell Town on the afternoon of Friday 9 November will now be held at St John's Launceston commencing at 12.30pm. A light tea will be provided for DC members staying through for Synod.

Russell Morton
REGISTRAR
10 October 2007