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Registry Reflections March 2006

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Lenten Offerings

Envelopes for this purpose are available from the Anglican Book Room (6223 8504)

Colin Bisdee Trust funds

The Board of Anglican Health and Welfare has allocated funds for parishes to use to assist people suffering through poverty. An amount of several hundred dollars per parish is likely to be available again this year, depending on the number of calls on the funds. Please contact the Registrar if you wish to access these funds.

Professional Standards Ordinance

Diocesan Council on 24 February approved a protocol for the Professional Standards Ordinance passed by Synod last year. Bishop John then gave his assent to the Ordinance which is therefore now in effect. This means that Schedule 2A of the *Ministry and Tribunal Ordinance* has been deleted and issues arising in relation to sexual misconduct will come under the new Ordinance.

The Ordinance and Protocol have been uploaded to the website. You can find it at <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/resources/ordinances.html>. A flowchart is available by email or hard copy on request from the registry, which gives a simplified overview of the protocol.

The Professional Standards Committee, required under the new Ordinance, was appointed by Diocesan Council and consists of:

Helen Simmons (Chair)
Les Whittle (Director of Professional Standards)
Tim Dyer
Audrey Mills
Helen Phillips
Noel Bowditch
The Registrar (*ex officio*)

Synod

A gentle reminder that we need to hear from you about your Synod representatives, most particularly if any names/contact details have changed so that the summons can

be directed correctly. Please do this today, preferably by email, if you haven't already notified us.

Remember the dates - Friday evening 26 May, Saturday 27 May and, if needed, Sunday 28 May.

Insurance Premiums

Premiums for the three policy categories of Fire & General, Workers' Compensation and Public Liability have now been calculated for the year, and will appear on the March parish invoices with adjustments to take account of the invoicing at the 2005 rates in both January and February. The March parish invoice will include 50% of the Public Liability premium, the other 50% to be invoiced in June rather than in one lump sum in March as in previous years. April's invoices will show the ongoing monthly figures for the other two policy categories, the adjustments have been taken up in March. At this stage we anticipate an insurance 'holiday' once again in December if there have been no untoward changes between now and then.

Ethics Seminar

Adn Neil Vearing advises there will be an ethics seminar/workshop on Teaching Christian Ethics to Teenagers entitled "***Spiritual Values and Ethics: It's about time we taught more than sex!***" with St Michael's Collegiate School on Thursday 23 March 2006 at 7.30pm in St James Hall New Town. Neil (6228 1214) needs an RSVP by Monday 20 March.

Diocesan Council

The second meeting of Council will be held on Friday 28 April in Longford. Items for the agenda will need to reach the Registrar by no later than Thursday 13 April, the day before Good Friday.

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Appellate Tribunal

We have received notice about an Appellate Tribunal hearing, details of which appear on our website. Please contact us if you need more information.

The Future of Anglican Superannuation Australia

We have received a copy of a second circular send to ASA members by the Trustee on 9 March 2006. If you did not receive this circular please contact this office.

Blessings

Russell Morton
15 March 2006