

Regional Consultation Workshops

An Opportunity To Engage Together in a Process of Discernment: April - May 2018



Anglican Diocese of
Canberra & Goulburn

Consultation Purpose:

- To provide a consultation forum to give voice to the prayerful reflections and wisdom of lay people and clergy across the breadth of the Diocese
- To contribute to the shaping of the Diocesan Profile and Episcopal Selection Criteria for the election of the 11th Bishop
- To inform the Episcopal Election Nominations Committee of views broadly held across the Diocese

Instructions as you Prepare in Advance

You'll find it helpful to allocate 45-60 mins for this exercise.

To ensure that all views can be considered during the workshop, we request that you prayerfully reflect and prepare in advance. **This will involve responding to the questions on page 2 prior to your arrival at the workshop.** Your contributions will enrich our conversations and enable us to maximise our capacity to achieve the purpose of the consultation.

Thank you in anticipation for your assistance.



- Please organise a sticky note pad. You will require it to complete this exercise.
- There are four sections with a number of questions listed under each. For every question, you're welcome to generate as many ideas / answers as you prefer.
- Please only **record one thought per sticky note**. So for question A1, you might come with 3 different ideas written on 3 different sticky notes.
- If you struggle to think of an answer for a question, that's fine. Simply move on to the next question. The idea is to draw upon the insights and wisdom of people's collective thinking and experience. Others may have views to share on that question, which you'll have an opportunity to interact with.

As a hint:

If you end up with lots of sticky notes, you might find it helpful to arrive a little early so you don't feel rushed.

- Include the question number in the top corner of your sticky note, (e.g. A1, B2).
- Be aware you may end up with a large number of sticky notes. It is these ideas that will form the framework for our conversation. Please be encouraged to remember that our interaction will be in brainstorm 'blue sky thinking' mode, therefore be inspired to 'dare to dream' as you prayerfully discern ideas.
- Your contribution will enable us to canvas a broader range of perspectives and experiences.
- Please allow sufficient time to place your contributions on the 'wall of ideas' when you arrive at the workshop. Thank you.

Practical Information

- Canberra South**
Friday, 20 April, 7pm - 10pm
Venue: St Mary in the Valley, South Tuggeranong, Corner of Webber & Were Sts, Calwell
[Show on map](#)
- Monaro and Alpine Region - Cooma**
Saturday, 21 April, 10am - 1pm
Venue: St. Paul's, 136 Commissioner Street, Cooma
[Show on map](#)
- NSW South Coast - Bega**
Saturday, 21 April, 7pm - 10pm
Venue: St John's, 12 Church Street, Bega [Show on map](#)
- NSW South Coast - Batemans Bay**
Sunday, 22 April, 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Venue: Church of the Ascension, 6 Herarde Street, Batemans Bay
[Show on map](#)
- Canberra North**
Thursday, 3 May, 7pm - 10pm
Venue: St. John's, 45 Constitution Avenue, Reid
[Show on map](#)
- Goulburn and The Southern Tablelands**
Friday, 4 May, 7pm - 10pm
Venue: Christ Church West Goulburn, 130 Addison St, Goulburn
[Show on map](#)
- Western - Young**
Saturday, 5 May, 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Venue: St. John's, Cloete Street, Young [Show on map](#)
- Wagga Wagga**
Sunday, 6 May, 2pm - 5pm
Venue: St. Paul's, 31 Fernleigh Road, Turvey Park [Show on map](#)

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ'.

A

BUILDING UPON FOUNDATIONS

Celebrating & Reflecting On Insights From The Past

Draw upon your observations and experience of leadership of Bishops in your context and across the breadth of the Diocese:

-  **A1** What **particular achievements or fruitfulness** do you give thanks to God for under Bishop Stuart's leadership?
What have been the highlights?
-  **A2** What **changes or developments** implemented over the last decade do you hope will continue to be valued and strengthened in the life of the Diocese?
-  **A3** What **strengths** in the leadership of past Bishops have you observed and most value?
-  **A4** What are the **key things our Diocese can learn** in light of the challenges we've faced over the past decade?

B

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Exploring The Reality of Our Current Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Challenges Across the Diocese

-  **B1** What do you consider to be the most **significant strengths** of the Diocese?
What should we seek to sustain and build upon?
-  **B2** What do you consider to be the most **significant weakness** in the Diocese?
What are the key things we struggle with? What could we improve?
-  **B3** What **significant opportunities** would you wish to convey to potential Nominees?
-  **B4** What are the most **significant challenges** that confront our Diocese ~ either currently or will have an impact over the next 5 years?
What key factors could potentially block growth or effect the sustainability of mission and ministry initiatives?

C

SHAPING A HEALTHY FUTURE

Expressing Hopes As We Embrace Our Future

-  **C1** What gives you a sense of **hope and optimism** as we look to the future of the Diocese?
-  **C2** Alongside the critical area of ensuring the protection of children and vulnerable people, what else will be important in **shaping a healthy future**?
-  **C3** What **initiatives, steps or new directions** do you see contributing to signs of growth, health and sustainability across the diocese?
-  **C4** What creative ideas or practical changes in 'how things are done' would help to **nurture a strong and effective partnership with our next Bishop**?
What could we begin to think about now?

D

EXPLORING SELECTION CRITERIA

The Desired Strengths, Qualities & Experience in an Bishop To Lead in a New Era of Mission & Ministry. Inspiring us to Faithfully & Fruitfully Live Out the Great Commandment & the Great Commission

-  **D1** What do you see as the **key role of our Bishop**?
-  **D2** What **gifts and strengths** should the selection criteria highlight?
-  **D3** What are the most important **leadership qualities and attitudes** to consider in our next Bishop?
-  **D4** What are the most significant and essential **areas of experience and expertise** to identify?
-  **D5** If you were to ask **one question of the candidates**, what would your question be?

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13