
*Church of England Marriage Guidance Centre
Constitution Ordinance, 1963.*

No. 33, 1963.

AN ORDINANCE to provide a constitution for Church of England Marriage Guidance Centre and for purposes incidental thereto.

WHEREAS The Chapter of St. Andrew's Cathedral in the Diocese of Sydney has heretofore carried on a marriage guidance centre associated with the work of such Cathedral and for the benefit of the Diocese as a whole AND WHEREAS it is expedient that a Council be constituted for the purpose of carrying on such work in the future NOW therefore the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney hereby ORDAINS DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:-

1. In this Ordinance unless inconsistent with the context of the subject matter:

"The Archbishop" means the Archbishop of the Diocese of Sydney or in his absence his Commissary and in case that no such Commissary shall have been appointed or if the See be vacant the Administrator of the Diocese.

"The Council" means the Council appointed by this Ordinance.

"The Synod" means the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney.

Words importing the singular number include the plural number and vice versa.

Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender.

2. The name of the Organisation is Church of England Marriage Guidance Centre."

3. The objects of the Organisation are:-

- (i) To provide a Marriage Guidance Centre and to staff, equip and maintain this Centre.
- (ii) To carry out the work of Marriage Guidance with qualified staff in the fields of—
 - (a) General education for marriage.
 - (b) Specific preparation for marriage.
 - (c) Counselling those in marital difficulty.
- (iii) To provide a general counselling service.

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- (iv) To provide a training centre and to train selected Clergy and other persons as Marriage Guidance Counsellors.
- (v) To extend the work of the Organisation to provide any or all of the above services or other services related to the objects of the Organisation in any area of the Diocese of Sydney as from time to time is deemed to be desirable and possible.
- (vi) To acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise suitable furniture and equipment and money for the purposes of the Organisation and to maintain and use the same for such purposes.

4. All Assets and Liabilities heretofore pertaining to the St. Andrew's Cathedral Marriage Guidance Centre shall henceforth be and become the Assets and Liabilities of the Organisation hereby constituted.

5. The control, administration and management of the Organisation its property, officers and staff shall be vested in a Council.

6. The powers, duties and functions of the Council shall be to carry out the objects of the Organisation and to manage, administer and control its property whether real or personal.

7. The members of the Council shall comprise the following:-

- (i) The Archbishop of Sydney for the time being *ex-officio* who shall be President.
- (ii) The Director, if and when appointed, *ex-officio*.
- (iii) Six persons who shall be communicant members of the Church of England in Australia, elected by the Synod.
- (iv) One person appointed by St. Andrew's Cathedral Chapter.
- (v) One person appointed by the Archbishop.

One third of the elected members shall hold office until the ordinary session of Synod held in 1964 and thereafter at the ordinary session of Synod in each year one third shall retire. Those to retire shall be those in seniority of office but until such seniority has been determined then by arrangement between members of the Council or failing agreement then by lot. All members due for retirement shall be eligible for re-election.

The persons appointed by St. Andrew's Cathedral Chapter and by the Archbishop shall hold office for three years and shall thereafter be eligible for re-appointment.

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The first elected members shall be the following:-

The Rt. Rev. R. C. Kerle	Dr. N. D. Campbell
The Rev. A. H. Funnell	Mr. B. R. Davies
The Rev. A. W. Setchell	Mr. W. L. J. Hutchison

8. The provisions of the Casual Vacancies Ordinance 1935 or any amendment thereof or Ordinance taking the place of the same shall apply to this Ordinance.

9. At meetings of the Council four members shall form a quorum.

10. The President of the Council shall act as Chairman at such meetings at which he shall be present. The Council shall at its first meeting after this Ordinance comes into force and thereafter at its first meeting in each financial year appoint one of its members to act as Chairman at all meetings during the ensuing year at which the President shall not be present. In the absence of both the President and such Chairman the members present may at any meeting appoint one of such members to act as Chairman of that meeting. The President, Chairman or Acting-Chairman of a meeting shall have a deliberative but not a casting vote.

11. The financial year of the Organisation shall end on the thirtieth day of June each year and a Statement of Income and Expenditure and a Balance Sheet showing the Assets and Liabilities of the Organisation shall be prepared and audited in respect of each financial year.

12. The office of any member of the Council shall become vacant if he shall:

- (i) die.
- (ii) resign by writing under his hand addressed to the Council
- (iii) become bankrupt or insolvent.
- (iv) be convicted of a felony or misdemeanour.
- (v) be absent from four consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council without leave of absence.

13. (1) The Director may be appointed by the Archbishop on the nomination of the Council and may be dismissed by a resolution of the Council of which one week's notice in writing has been given to the Archbishop.

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(2) The Council may appoint such other officers and staff as it may require and may dismiss any person so appointed *Provided that no clergyman may be so appointed without the approval in writing of the Archbishop.*

14. The Council shall meet at least quarterly but the President or Chairman may convene a meeting whenever he thinks fit and the Director shall convene a meeting on receipt of a request in writing so to do signed by not less than three members of the Council.

15. The members of the Council shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Organisation against all loss or liability which they or any of them may have properly incurred for or on behalf of the Organisation and to which they or any of them may be subject by reason of his being or having been a member of the Council other than those occasioned by his own wilful act or neglect.

16. The Council shall furnish to the Synod or the Standing Committee of Synod any information as to the Organisation's affairs which it may be requested so to do in pursuance of a resolution of Synod or Standing Committee and shall at least once in each year report its proceedings to the Synod and shall present a Statement of Income and Expenditure and a Balance Sheet duly audited and such other accounts as may be required from time to time by resolution of Synod or Standing Committee.

17. This Ordinance may be cited as Church of England Marriage Guidance Centre Constitution Ordinance 1963."

I certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

H. G. S. BEGBIE,
Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on the 17th day of October, 1963.

K. N. SHELLEY
W. L. J. HUTCHISON } Secretaries of Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance. HUGH SYDNEY,
17/10/1963. Archbishop of Sydney.
