

Church Ministry (Lessons) Ordinance 1995

No 37, 1995

An Ordinance concerning the lessons to be read in church.

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the lessons which may be read in the course of divine service and by reason of circumstances arising after the creation of the trusts on which certain Church Property is held it is inexpedient to carry out and observe such trusts and it is expedient to vary such trusts in the manner set out in this ordinance.

Now the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

Citation

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Church Ministry (Lessons) Ordinance 1995".

Definitions and Interpretation

2. (1) Words and expressions used in this ordinance have the same meaning as in the schedule to the Interpretation Ordinance 1985 and clause 2 of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990.

(2) In this ordinance, "Church Property" means church trust property held upon trust for the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese or in any part of the Diocese.

(3) In this ordinance, "Schedule" means the schedule to this ordinance.

Application

3. The Schedule applies and is a schedule to the Church Ministry Ordinance 1993.

Operation

4. (1) All provisions as to the use of Church Property which are inconsistent with a provision of the Schedule are repealed.

(2) In the case of Church Property held upon a trust which is inconsistent with a provision of the Schedule, it is, by reason of circumstances arising after the creation of that trust, inexpedient to carry out or observe such trust to the extent of such inconsistency and such trust is varied so as to be consistent with every provision of the Schedule.

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Schedule

The lessons which may be read in the course of divine service are-

- (a) those prescribed in the Tables in the Book of Common Prayer or in An Australian Prayer Book or in any other Table authorised by the Synod; and/or
- (b) passages of scripture each of which is of reasonable length, having regard to the length of the passages prescribed in the Table or Tables referred to in paragraph (a) and at least one of which is part of a systematic reading of Holy Scripture.

The Table of Lessons set out in the Schedule to the Alternative Table of Lessons Canon 1985 as amended by the Alternative Table of Lessons Amendment Canon 1992 is authorised by the Synod for the purposes of paragraph (a).

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

P.W. YOUNG
Deputy Chairman of Committees

We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 19 October 1995.

C.J. MORONEY
W.G.S. GOTLEY
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

R.H. GOODHEW
Archbishop of Sydney
14/11/95