
**DEACONESSES, READERS AND OTHER LAY PERSONS ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 1988**

No. 34, 1988

AN ORDINANCE to provide for tenure of office for deaconesses and lay persons.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the "Deaconesses, Readers and Other Lay Persons Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 1988".

(2) The Deaconesses, Readers and Other Lay Persons Ordinance 1981 is hereinafter called the "Principal Ordinance".

2. Clause 16 of the Principal Ordinance shall become clause 17.

3. The Principal Ordinance is amended by the insertion of the following matter after clause 15:

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16. (1) A deaconess or lay person holding an authority issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall hold office or remain in employment (as the case may be) subject to:

- (a) the terms of the authority of the Archbishop held by that person, and
- (b) where that person is entitled to or is paid a stipend or salary or is entitled to any other emolument or perquisite, at least three months notice of termination of payment of such stipend or salary or entitlement to such emolument or perquisite being given by or on behalf of the person or persons who pay or provide the same, and
- (c) at least three months notice of removal from the office or employment being given by the minister.

(2) When a deaconess or lay person holding an authority issued pursuant to this Ordinance is appointed to serve in a parish with the assent of the parish council thereof, it is the responsibility of the parish council to raise such moneys as may be needed to pay the stipend and provide any such emoluments or perquisites to be paid or provided for that person until the appointment is terminated.

(3) Should a vacancy occur in a parish a deaconess or lay person holding a stipendiary or salaried office or position in that parish shall cease to hold that office or to remain in that employment (as the case may be) at the expiration of ninety (90) days after the installation and/or induction of the new minister unless:

- (a) that office or employment is terminated before the expiration of the said period of ninety (90) days, or
- (b) the new minister has made application to the Archbishop for continuation of that office or employment and an appropriate agreement has been entered into between the new minister and the deaconess or lay person.

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

E.D. CAMERON
Chairman of Committees

WE CERTIFY that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on this 14th day of October 1988.

G.K. CLIFTON
W.G.S. GOTLEY
Secretaries of Synod

I ASSENT to this Ordinance

DONALD ROBINSON
Archbishop of Sydney

31/10/1988