

No. 12, 1946.

AN ORDINANCE to accept and to apply the provisions of Determination No. III of 1945 intituled "A Determination to constitute a Missionary Council for the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania" in the order and good government of the Church of England within the Diocese of Sydney.

WHEREAS Determination No. III 1945 intituled "A Determination to constitute a Missionary Council for the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania" a copy whereof is contained in the Schedule hereto has been made by the General Synod.

AND WHEREAS under Article No. 3 in the Schedule to the Church of England Constitutions Act Amendment Act of 1902 the Diocese may make Ordinances upon and in respect of all matters and things concerning the order and good government of the Church of England and the regulation of its affairs within the Diocese.

AND WHEREAS by an Ordinance assented to on 21st June, 1876, regulating the method of accepting Determinations of General Synod it was provided that the mode of acceptance of such Determinations should be by Ordinance.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to accept and to apply the provisions of the said Determination No. III 1945 as hereinafter expressed.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance of its powers under the said Act hereby ordains and rules as follows:—

The said Determination No. III 1945 is and the provisions therein contained are accepted and shall be applied in the order and good government of the Church of England within this Diocese in like manner as if the same were herein and hereby expressly ordained and ruled.

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*General Synod—Missionary Council—Constitution.*

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

R. C. ATKINSON,  
Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed this 3rd day of December, 1946.

S. H. DENMAN  
A. L. BLYTHE

} Secretaries of  
the Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

HOWARD SYDNEY.  
9th December, 1946.

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## SCHEDULE.

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### GENERAL SYNOD OF THE DIOCESES IN AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA.

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#### DETERMINATION III. SESSION, 1945.

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#### A DETERMINATION to constitute a Missionary Council for the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania.

WHEREAS the Church of England in the Dioceses of Australia and Tasmania is fulfilling its missionary responsibilities through two distinct agencies, to wit the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Society, on both of which God has graciously bestowed His Blessing.

AND WHEREAS these two agencies represent alternative principles of missionary organisation, each of which is dear to those who favour it.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable, whilst leaving each of these agencies free, as heretofore, to finance and organise its own work, and to choose and train its own missionaries, to create a Council representative of the whole Church which would commend itself to the Church as a whole as being an impartial body, and enable the Church as a whole to address itself consciously and purposefully to the missionary enterprise, now therefore be it enacted by the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in the Dioceses of Australia and Tasmania in General Synod assembled as follows:—

1. (1) There shall be a Missionary Council for the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania to be known as the Anglican Missionary Council of Australia (herein called "The Council") which shall consist of—

- (a) The President; who shall be the Primate.
- (b) Twelve representatives of the Australian Board of Missions as constituted by Determination III, Session 1872, and now existing, and as amended October, 1916, and October, 1921, appointed by the said Board, six of whom shall be Bishops or Priests and four shall be laymen and two shall be women.

(c) Twelve representatives of the Church Missionary Society as constituted according to the constitution approved by it September, 1916, and now existing, and as amended 2nd May, 1917, 6th May, 1918, 25th June, 1919, and 5th July, 1923; appointed by the said Society of whom six be Bishops or Priests, four shall be laymen and two shall be women.

(d) Representatives of such other missionary organisations as shall be recognised from time to time by the Council.

(2) The said appointments shall be made within three months after every ordinary session of the General Synod; all vacancies shall be filled by the Council in accordance with the principles enunciated above.

(3) All members of the Council shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

(4) None of the constituent organisations shall amend its constitution in any such way as shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this Determination.

(5) The acceptance of this Determination by any of the constituent bodies, and of recognition by any missionary organisation involves no interference with its particular ecclesiastical or doctrinal outlook, nor does the Council make any claim to control the affairs of such constituent body or organisation or to be the only link between the Home Church and Dioceses or Provinces overseas.

2. The Council shall appoint such officers as may be necessary, who shall discharge such duties and hold office on such conditions as the Council shall from time to time determine.

3. The functions of the Council shall be:—

- i. To encourage the work of the Church in the mission field and constantly to survey its opportunities and obligations.
- ii. To promote the fullest missionary effort at the home base.
- iii. To suggest methods for the inspiration and education of the members of the Church as to the necessity and obligation of world evangelisation.

- iv. To aid as far as possible the work of all missions and recognised missionary agencies (as hereinafter provided).
- v. In consultation with the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Society, and any other recognised missionary agencies of the Church (as hereinafter provided) to appoint representatives of the Church of England on the National Missionary Council of Australia.
- vi. To conduct such consultations and negotiations with the Government and with other Christian Communion and missionary Boards as may be necessary provided that it is permissible for the Australian Board of Missions or the Church Missionary Society, or other recognised missionary agency to conduct such consultations separately it being understood that in such case a report of the negotiations will subsequently be made to the Council.
- vii. To act as a consultative body on all proposals for the opening up of new fields and the formation of new dioceses, as submitted to it by any constituent body; the Council, however, shall not have power to determine such matters.
- viii. To receive at every meeting reports of work at home and on the mission field from the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Society, and any recognised agency of the Church in its missionary work (as hereinafter provided).
- ix. Each constituent organisation shall defray the travelling expenses of its representatives attending the meetings of the Council. The Council shall prepare and forward not later than three months before the end of each financial year to the constituent organisations for their approval and acceptance an estimate of the amount required during the coming year to meet the Council's administrative costs which when accepted shall be borne proportionately by the constituent organisations.
- x. To receive estimates, year by year of the money required for the whole work undertaken by the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Society, including therein in equal proportions the sum

approved by those organisations as provided in the foregoing clause, and on the basis of those estimates to apportion the amount that each Diocese should raise for all missionary work. It is not intended that this apportionment shall be legally enforceable.

- xi. To frame rules and regulations for the conduct of its own business, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this Determination.
- xii. To appoint sub-committees to act as it may determine in the exercise of its functions.
- xiii. To publish with the consent of the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Society such missionary information and general literature concerning missions as may be deemed necessary and advisable.
- xiv. To present to the General Synod at every ordinary session a report the discussion of which shall be made the first order of the day for one of the first three evenings of the session.

4. The Council shall meet at least once in each calendar year, on such dates and at such places as the Council shall from time to time by resolution determine; the President may cause a special meeting of the Council to be summoned on such dates and at such place as he may think fit, and shall do so upon receiving a request signed by not less than ten members of the Council, or by five Bishops who are not members of the Council. At least twenty-eight days' notice to members shall be given of all meetings of the Council. Sixteen shall form a quorum. In the absence of the Primate the Council shall elect one of its members as Acting President from day to day. The Council shall be summoned to meet at any hour not later than 11 a.m. on the day for which it is summoned, and shall sit with only necessary adjournments until its work is concluded.

5. Diocesan Missionary Committees to assist the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Society shall be elected or appointed by each Diocesan Synod in such manner as such Synod shall determine. The members of the Diocesan Missionary Committees need not be members of any Diocesan Synod. Provided that all the Dioceses of a Province may agree in Provincial Synod to organise themselves for missionary work under conditions to be approved by the Council and not inconsistent with this determination.

6. Nothing in this determination shall be held to limit the rights of a Bishop in his own diocese.

7. All missionaries shall hold the license or authority of the Bishop in whose diocese they work as missionaries.

8. The Council may recognise missions or missionary societies as agencies of the Church in its missionary work in connection with the Council, which Missions or Missionary Societies on recognition shall become constituent organisations. Missions or missionary societies shall have power to vary their respective constitutions from time to time, provided that such variation shall not be inconsistent with this determination, and may form, appoint, or arrange for the appointment of associations, committees, or branches throughout the Commonwealth of Australia. Such agencies shall work under their respective constitutions, with power to create organisations for the purpose of raising funds and otherwise furthering their work, and the Council shall not have any right to dispose of or to administer such funds unless asked to do so by the agency concerned, and may participate in the management of its internal affairs only when invited to do so. A statement of such funds so raised in any diocese or Province shall be furnished annually to the Diocesan or Provincial Missionary Committee, and shall be published by the Council, and a report of the work undertaken and the missionaries maintained shall be sent each year to the Council for publication.

9. Any such agency which has raised annually in Australia and Tasmania, during the previous period of five years, exclusive of office expenses, an average sum of over £5,000, shall be entitled at the time of each ordinary session of the General Synod, or within one month thereafter, to elect one clerical or one lay representative on the Council; one raising over £10,000, one clerical and one lay representative; and one over £20,000 three representatives, of whom at least one shall be a layman.

10. All disputes arising in any diocese concerning missionary work under this determination shall be decided by the Diocesan Missionary Committee, subject to an appeal to the Council, whose decision shall be final.

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(Signed) R. CLIVE TEECE,

Chairman of Committees.

We hereby certify that the foregoing Determination was made by the General Synod of the Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania this eleventh day of September, 1945.

(Signed) C. S. ROBERTSON.

(Signed) A. L. BLYTHE.

Secretaries  
of Synod.

(Signed) HENRY PERTH.

Primate.