

*Parishes and Mission Districts.*

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 AN ORDINANCE to provide for the formation of Parishes and Mission Districts in the Diocese of Sydney, and for the alteration or variation of the boundaries of the same.

*(Assented to 23 September, 1902.)*

*Preamble.*

WHEREAS it is desirable to further provide for the formation of new Parishes and to provide for the formation of Mission Districts and for the alteration or variation of the boundaries of Parishes and Mission Districts within the Diocese of Sydney, the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance of the powers in that behalf conferred upon it, by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the United Church of England and Ireland within the Colony of New South Wales ordains and rules as follows:—

*Mode by which the formation of a new Parish may be initiated.*

1. The formation of a new Parish may be initiated either by the Archbishop himself in writing, or by a petition to the Archbishop signed by the Minister of any Mission District, or Parish concerned in such formation, or by the Churchwardens of any such Mission District or Parish, or by twenty persons, of whom at least one half shall be males, resident in the proposed new Parish, and of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, and also Communicants of the Church of England.

*Documents to be prepared.*

2. Every proposal for the formation of a new Parish shall be accompanied by (1) a statement setting forth the provision proposed to be made for the stipend of its Minister and the parochial expenses, the extent and value of the Church property in the proposed new Parish, and the indebtedness, if any, on account of the

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same, and the estimated number of members of the Church of England' in the proposed new Parish, and also (2) a plan showing the boundaries of the proposed new Parish and of the adjacent parish or parishes concerned in such formation and the position of the existing Churches in them, and the proposed site of any new Church.

*Ministers concerned in proposed new Parish to be consulted.*

3. The Archbishop or the Petitioners as the case may be shall forward a copy of such proposal and of the documents accompanying the same to each Minister concerned in the proposed formation, who shall consult with his Churchwardens, if any, and with his parishioners at a Vestry Meeting summoned for that purpose in manner provided by the "Sydney Church Ordinance," and report to the Archbishop in writing his and their reasons for or against the proposal.

*The Standing Committee to enquire and report to the Synod, which shall consider the matter in Committee and decide upon the application.*

4. Upon receipt of such Report or Reports, and at least two calendar months before the next ordinary Session of Synod, the Archbishop, if he shall think fit, shall place before the Standing Committee of the Synod all the documents relating to the proposed formation which shall be in his possession, and the Standing Committee may suggest alterations in the said documents, which suggested alterations shall be submitted to the Petitioner or Petitioners, and to each Minister concerned, who shall consult with his Churchwardens, if any, and the said Petitioner or Petitioners, and the said Minister, shall report to the Standing Committee in writing the reasons for or against the said alterations, and the Standing Committee, after such enquiry and consideration as they may think necessary, shall report

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to the Synod at its next ordinary Session their opinion as to the desirability or otherwise of the formation of the new Parish, and shall cause to be laid upon the table all the documents relating to the proposed formation, and the Synod shall consider the matter in Committee of the whole, and the assent of the Synod having been obtained, such new parish shall be thenceforth recognised as duly formed, and the aforesaid documents shall be preserved in the Diocesan Registry.

*Formation of Mission Districts and alteration or variation of boundaries of Parishes or Mission Districts.*

5. Whenever it shall be deemed expedient to form a Mission District, whether out of any Parish or Parishes or otherwise, or to alter or vary the boundaries of any Mission District, Parish or Parishes without forming a new parish, recourse shall be had to the same procedure (so far as the same may be applicable) as is hereinbefore required for the formation of a new Parish, and upon the assent of the Synod having been obtained the formation of such Mission District or such alteration or variation of the boundaries of any Mission District, Parish or Parishes as the case may be shall forthwith take effect. Provided that nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the Archbishop from making such arrangements as may be deemed necessary in case of emergency, until the provisions of the Ordinance can be complied with. Provided also that the Minister officiating in a Mission District shall be directly responsible to the Archbishop, and shall not be held to be licensed to a separate cure of souls within the meaning of the Constitutions. Provided also that the formation of a Mission District under this Ordinance shall not be deemed to alter the limits of any Parish in respect of the election of Synod Representatives.

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*Absence of Report not to invalidate proceedings.*

6. Should any Petitioner or Minister fail after fourteen days' notice in writing to furnish any Report required under this Ordinance the Archbishop or the Standing Committee, as the case may be, may notwithstanding proceed to deal with the proposal, and the absence of any such Report shall not be held to invalidate the proceedings

*Parishes failing to carry out the provisions proposed to be made.*

7. At any time upon representation duly made to the Synod through the Standing Committee to the effect that the provisions proposed to be made for the stipend of the Minister and the parochial expenses of any Parish have not been so made for a period of at least two years last preceding it shall be competent to the Synod with the consent of the Minister licensed to the said Parish to withdraw the assent given to the formation of such Parish, and upon such withdrawal the said Parish shall become a Mission District.

*Repeal of former Ordinance.*

8. "The Parishes and Mission Districts Ordinance of 1889" is hereby repealed.

*Short Title.*

9. This Ordinance shall be styled and cited as "Parishes and Mission Districts Ordinance of 1902."

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