
Sydney Department of Promotion Ordinance 1957.

No. 35, 1957

AN ORDINANCE to establish a Department of Promotion of the Diocese of Sydney and for purposes incidental thereto.

WHEREAS The Home Mission Society has appointed a Committee known as the Department of Promotion Committee to promote the work of the Church by the teaching of stewardship in the Diocese of Sydney.

AND WHEREAS it has become expedient to provide for the establishment by this Synod of a Department of Promotion for the same and other purposes, and to provide for a Council to administer and control such Department and its affairs and property.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the transfer to such Department of the functions and property of the said Department of Promotion Committee.

Now the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney ordains, declares and directs as follows:—

1. There shall be a Department which shall be known as the Department of Promotion, Diocese of Sydney (hereinafter called the Department), which shall be administered and controlled by a Council (hereinafter called the Council) in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

2. The powers, duties, functions, assets and obligations of the said Department of Promotion Committee shall be vested in the Council and shall be exercised and administered by it in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

3. The members of the Council shall be the Archbishop of Sydney for the time being who shall be President, the Director who shall be appointed by the Council with the approval of the Archbishop and nine other persons appointed by Synod as herein provided of whom four shall be clergymen and five shall be lay persons and two persons appointed by the Archbishop of whom one shall be a clergyman and one a lay person who shall hold office for not more than three years but shall be eligible for re-appointment. During the absence of the Archbishop from the State and during a vacancy in the See or other incapacity of the Archbishop the person for the time being entitled to exercise

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the powers vested in the Archbishop by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England within the State of New South Wales shall be ex officio a member of the Council and Acting President thereof.

4. The first members of the Council appointed by Synod other than the Archbishop of Sydney and the Director shall be Revs. R. A. Johnson, R. G. Fillingham, C. H. Sherlock, R. S. R. Meyer, Messrs: S. Atkin, W. Girvan, M. C. Alder, L. Macgregor, R. T. Stokes.

5. A Chairman may be appointed by the Council from amongst its members, who in the absence of the President or Acting President shall preside at meetings of the Council and in the absence of the President or Acting President and of the Chairman the members present shall from amongst their number elect a Chairman of the day.

6. At meetings of the Council five members shall form a quorum. The president or other person presiding at any meeting shall have a deliberative vote and in case of an equality of votes, a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

7. At each ordinary session of Synod three of the members of the Council appointed by Synod shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-appointment. Such members shall retire in rotation according to the length of their time in office, provided that where members have held office for an equal duration of time the member or members to retire shall be determined by ballot taken amongst the members present at a meeting of which notice has been given in writing intimating that such ballot is to be taken.

8. Every person who is or shall have been a member of the Council shall be indemnified out of the assets for the time being under the control of the Council against all loss or liability which he or she may incur by reason of such membership.

9. The Council may in the exercise of the powers or the performance of any of the duties or functions herein mentioned by resolution authorise any person or persons to do any act or sign or execute any document on its behalf.

10. The Council at least once in each year and also when required by resolution of Synod or the Standing Committee of Synod shall report its proceedings and shall present each year and at such other times as may be specified in such resolution a statement of receipts and payments and a balance sheet duly audited showing the Department's financial position.

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11. All assets property and moneys derived by the Council from the conduct of the Department or otherwise obtained shall be applied in furtherance of the functions and objects of the Department and the Council or any of them including the insurance of persons employed by the Council or the granting or making provision for retiring allowances or pensions for such persons and the proper investment of funds.

12. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance the Council may regulate its own proceedings and for that purpose shall have power to make rescind or alter regulations from time to time and may appoint and/or employ such officers and committees as it may deem necessary. Provided that all such officers and committees shall be responsible to the Council in the exercise of the duties assigned to them. The Council may include on committees persons who are not members of the Council.

13. The objects of the Department shall be to foster a sense of responsibility in relation to the Church's mission of service and stewardship in the affairs of the Diocese of Sydney and in the parishes and churches of the said Diocese, and in other Church organisations and bodies.

14. The functions of the Department and the Council shall be exercised subject to the approval of the Archbishop and shall include:

- (i) The printing, producing, publishing and/or distributing of literature and other forms of publicity in furtherance of the objects aforesaid;
- (ii) The provision of training courses for persons to assist in the work of the Department;
- (iii) The advising and assisting of the clergy and lay officers of the parishes and churches of the Diocese and the several Departments Councils and Bodies of the Diocese or some or any of them on all matters relating to the objects of the Department if and when requested to do so.
- (iv) The provision of trained persons to assist in the establishment, development and maintenance of new undertakings of the Diocese when requested to do so by the Synod, the Standing Committee of Synod or the Archbishop.
- (v) The provision of trained persons to assist in the administration and development of the work of the Church in any parish or church in the Diocese when requested

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- to do so by the incumbent or minister in charge of such parish or church.
- (vi) Such other functions as the Council shall undertake at the request or with the consent of the Archbishop, the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney, or the Standing Committees of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney including action in co-operation with the National Council of Promotion of the General Synod.
- (vii) The making of a charge for any service rendered or material supplied by the Department or the Council or any officer of the Department or the Council to any person parish church department council or other body.

15. Nothing in this Ordinance shall have the effect of depriving the Archbishop or the Standing Committee of Synod or any department council or other body of the Diocese or any officer of any such department council or other body or any incumbent or minister in charge of any parish or church or any council committee or lay officer of any parish or church or any person of any right power privilege or duty attaching to him or them or any of them under any Ordinance of Synod or otherwise.

16. This Ordinance may be cited as "Sydney Department of Promotion Ordinance 1957."

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

W. G. HILLIARD, Bishop,
Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney this 1st day of October, 1957.

S. H. DENMAN }
H. V. ARCHINAL } Secretaries
 } of Synod

I assent to this Ordinance.

HOWARD SYDNEY,
Archbishop of Sydney.

1/10/1957.
