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*Synod Representative and Membership Amendment Ordinance 1975*

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No. 45, 1975

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Synod Representative Ordinance 1945-1972.

WHEREAS it is provided in the 8th Constitution contained in the Schedule to the Church of England Constitutions Act Amendment Act of 1902 that subject to any other provision to be made by the Synod of a Diocese the Bishop shall summon to the Synod of his Diocese each clergyman licensed to a separate cure of souls therein and representatives as hereinafter provided AND WHEREAS by the 10th Constitution contained in the said Schedule it is provided that every meeting duly convened for the purpose shall, subject to any other provision to be made by the Synod of the Diocese, choose as representatives two male persons of the age of twenty-one years, each such person being a communicant of the church AND WHEREAS by the 14th Constitution contained in the said Schedule the Bishop of a Diocese is empowered to summon to Synod as members thereof the Chancellor and the Registrar of his Diocese who shall have the same rights powers and privileges as representative members and also such clergy holding distinct official positions in the Diocese as he may determine provided that for every clergyman so summoned a layman may be elected as a representative member under regulations of the Synod made for the purpose AND WHEREAS by the 15th Constitution contained in the said Schedule it is provided that the Warden of St. Paul's College within the University of Sydney shall be summoned to Synod as a clerical member thereof and two lay members of the Church to be elected by the Council of the said College as representative members AND WHEREAS other provision has been made by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney whereby curates in-charge of provisional parishes and provisional districts and certain resident ministers of new housing districts are deemed to be licensed to a separate cure of souls for the purpose of being called to Synod under the 8th Constitution AND WHEREAS other provision has been made by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney whereby a specified number of persons of both sexes from the laity of the age of twenty-one years or upwards each being a communicant member of the church are elected as representatives of parishes, provisional parishes and provisional districts and new housing districts under the 10th Constitution AND WHEREAS regulations have been made by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney providing for the election by Standing Committee under the provisions of the 14th Constitution of the appropriate number of lay persons as representative members AND WHEREAS the powers granted under the 14th, the 15th and the 16th Constitutions as aforesaid are duly exercised in the Diocese AND WHEREAS it is desirable to make other or additional provision in accordance with the 8th Constitution whereby the persons hereinafter mentioned shall also be summoned to Synod and become members thereof NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance of powers conferred upon it by the Constitutions Act Amendment Act of 1902 for the management and good government of the Church of

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England in Australia within the State of New South Wales HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as "Synod Representative and Membership Amendment Ordinance 1975".

(2) The Synod Representative Ordinance 1945-1972 is in this Ordinance referred to as the "Principal Ordinance".

(3) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance may be cited as "Synod Representative and Membership Ordinance 1945-1975" and clause 4 of the Principal Ordinance is amended accordingly.

2. The Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting next after clause 2 the following new clause:—

"2A. (1) The persons to whom this clause applies shall be summoned to Synod in accordance with the 8th Constitution in the same way as if each such person were a clergyman licensed to a separate cure of souls in the Diocese, but in such case no representatives shall be summoned as hereinafter provided.

(2) (a) There shall be summoned to Synod persons, not exceeding five in number, who are the chief executive officers, whether clerical or lay, male or female, of such diocesan boards departments or organisations (hereinafter called 'organisations') as shall from time to time be nominated by resolution of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese which said organisations are hereinafter called 'nominated organisations' PROVIDED that not more than one person shall be summoned as Chief Executive Officer of any nominated organisation.

(b) This clause shall not apply to persons who are otherwise summoned to Synod:

(i) as clergy licensed to a separate cure of souls in the Diocese, or

(ii) as elected representatives, or

(iii) in accordance with the provisions of the 14th or the 15th Constitutions.

(c) (i) In this clause 'Chief Executive Officer' means the person who is responsible to the governing body of a nominated organisation for the work of that organisation and whose name is determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii) hereof and notified in accordance with sub-paragraph (iii) hereof.

(ii) The governing body of a nominated organisation shall determine by resolution the person who shall be the Chief Executive Officer thereof.

(iii) The name of the Chief Executive Officer as determined from time to time in accordance with this clause shall be notified by each nominated organisation to the Diocesan Registrar and to the Secretary of the Standing Committee by a date no later than two (2) calendar

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months prior to the first day of each ordinary session of Synod.

- (d) The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese shall make the determination referred to in paragraph (a) of sub-clause (2) hereof not less than four (4) calendar months prior to the first day of each ordinary session of Synod and shall cause written notice of such determination to be given forthwith to the Diocesan Registrar and to the Secretary or chairman of the nominated organisation."

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

ATHOL RICHARDSON,  
Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney this 14th day of October, 1975.

W. G. S. GOTLEY,  
R. J. BOMFORD,  
Secretaries of Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

A. J. DAIN,  
Commissary.

14/10/1975.