

Diocese of Grafton Readers' Association Ordinance 1955

To establish and set up an Association for the appointment and control of Lay Readers throughout the Diocese.

The Administrator, the Clergy and the Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled declare ordain and enact as follows:—

SHORT TITLE

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "Diocese of Grafton Readers' Association Ordinance 1955" and shall come into force on the fourteenth day of September, 1955.

THE ASSOCIATION

2. An Association is hereby established and set up to be known as "Diocese of Grafton Readers' Association."

3. Readers shall be of two classes, namely Diocesan and Parochial.

4. All Readers at present holding office within the Diocese and those subsequently appointed hereunder shall ex officio become and be members of the said Association.

5. Readers shall be appointed and hold office subject to the following conditions and qualifications, namely:—

(a) Each appointment shall be made by the Bishop upon the recommendation of the priest in charge of the parish in which the Reader resides or usually attends church.

(b) Diocesan Readers shall be chosen by the Bishop from Parochial Readers after consultation with the priest in charge.

(c) Readers shall be of the minimum age of eighteen years and Communicant members of the Church of England.

(d) The mark of office to be approved by the Bishop shall be a Diocesan badge with the Diocesan Arms having a black ribbon for a Parochial Reader and a purple ribbon for a Diocesan Reader. Such badge shall at all times remain the property of the Diocese and shall be returned to the Diocesan Registrar immediately upon the Reader ceasing for any reason to be a member of the Association. The Reader's dress shall be Cassock and Surplice, and hoods of degree if so possessed.

(e) Readers shall be entitled to preach upon being licensed so to do by the Bishop but shall deliver only sermons which have been previously approved by the priest in charge. Each licence shall be for a term not exceeding three years but may be renewed or revoked at any time by the Bishop.

(f) Each Reader shall pay an annual membership fee of Five Shillings (5/-) which shall be placed to the credit of a fund to be known as the Readers' Association Fund and utilised for general administrative purposes.

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(g) A licence fee of Ten shillings and sixpence (10/6) for each Reader shall be paid to the Diocesan Registrar by the par to which he was appointed.

(h) Any expenses for travelling or otherwise incurred by the Reader shall be the responsibility of the parish where he is taking duty and shall be paid to him direct.

OFFICE BEARERS

6. (a) The Bishop shall be the President and shall appoint one cleric as Warden who shall hold office during his pleasure. Upon such office becoming vacant from any cause, the Bishop shall appoint a Successor.

6. (b) One Reader shall be appointed as Secretary by a majority of the members present at the first General Meeting of the Association to be convened by the President and held within one month after the passing of this Ordinance. In the event of a vacancy occurring from any cause, the Bishop may appoint an Acting Secretary and a secretary shall be appointed at the next meeting of the Association.

MEETINGS

7. (a) An annual meeting of members shall be convened by the President and held during the month of September in every year at the Youth and Synod Centre in Grafton or at such other time or place as the President may appoint. Other meetings may be held in the discretion of the President as circumstances may require.

(b) The expenses of members attending such meetings shall be borne by the respective parishes represented.

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese on the 14th September, 1955.

A. E. SINGLETON, Registrar.

I assent to this Ordinance.

MELVILLE GERRY, Administrator.

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

O. N. MANNY, Clerical Secretary.

W. L. MEEK, Lay Secretary.

RAY GRANGER, Chairman of Committees.

Lismore Land Sale Ordinance 1956

WHEREAS the lands described in the Schedule hereto (hereinafter called "the said lands") are vested in the Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Grafton (hereinafter called "the Corporate Trustees") AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said lands be sold AND WHEREAS by Section 40 of the Church of England Trust Property Act 1917 it was enacted that during the recess of the Synod of a Diocese such

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