

DEFENCE FORCE MINISTRY CANON 1985

ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO 4 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE

To adopt the "Defence Force Ministry Canon 1985" being a General Synod Canon to provide for the office of bishop to the defence force, for the licensing of chaplains serving in the defence force and for other purposes.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Defence Force Ministry Canon 1985 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia should be adopted by the Diocese of Grafton.

THEREFORE the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled decree and enact as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Defence Force Ministry Canon 1985, Adopting Ordinance 2002".

ASSENT

2. The Defence Force Ministry Canon 1985 as set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby adopted.

SCHEDULE

Canon No. 19, 1985

A canon to provide for the office of bishop to the defence force, for the licensing of chaplains serving in the defence force and for other purposes.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This canon may be cited as "Defence Force Ministry Canon 1985".
2. In this canon "Bishop to the Defence Force" means the bishop holding the office of Bishop to the Defence Force having been appointed thereto by the Primate after consultation with the metropolitans and with the persons holding office in each arm of the Defence Force as a Principal Chaplain of this Church.
3. The Bishop to the Defence Force shall be a bishop assistant to the Primate and shall be responsible to the Primate for episcopal oversight of the chaplains serving in the Defence Force and of the ministrations of the church among men and women of the Defence Force and their families.
4. Subject to the Constitution the Bishop to the Defence Force shall hold office at the discretion of the Primate provided that the term of office of a Bishop to the Defence Force shall expire –
 - (a) upon his resignation from the office or
 - (b) upon his attaining the age of 65 yearswhichever first occurs.
5. (1)
 - (a) The Bishop to the Defence Force shall advise the Primate as to persons who are under consideration for appointment as chaplains in the Defence Force;
 - (b) upon a chaplain's appointment by the secular authorities, the Primate may in his discretion, either personally or by the Bishop to the Defence Force, grant to the

chaplain a licence in or to the effect of the prescribed form authorising the chaplain to minister in Defence Force ships, establishments and areas of operations to members of the Defence Force and their families wherever they reside;

- (c) prior to posting to any Defence Force ship, establishment or area of operation, the bishop of the diocese in which the Defence Force ship, establishment or area of operation is located shall where practicable be advised by the Bishop to the Defence Force or the Principal Chaplain of the intention to post the chaplain;
- (d) upon a chaplain commencing his work in a new posting, provided it is in a different diocese to his previous posting, he shall present himself to the bishop of the diocese in which he is based, in order that the bishop may endorse that licence and may grant to the chaplain such further or other licences as he sees fit.

(2) For the purposes of this section "a licence in the prescribed form" means a licence in a form prescribed from time to time by the Standing Committee of General Synod provided that until Standing Committee otherwise determines the form set out in the Schedule shall be deemed to have been prescribed by the Standing Committee.

5. The Bishop holding office as the Bishop to the Forces at the time this canon comes into operation shall be the first Bishop to the Defence Force and shall be deemed to have been appointed pursuant to section 2 of this canon.

SCHEDULE

LICENCE TO THE OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN IN THE DEFENCE FORCE

.....by Divine permission Primate of Australia to our well beloved in Christ.....

GREETING

WHEREAS you have first made and subscribed all such Declarations and Oaths as by the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church of Australia in such case are required, we do give and grant you, in whose fidelity, manner of life, learning and sound doctrine we fully confide, our licence and authority to perform the office of Chaplain in the Defence Force in....., to administer the sacraments, to read the common prayers and to perform other ecclesiastical duties according to the forms prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer, An Australian Prayer Book, and otherwise by lawful authority and the canons, constitutions and ordinances in that behalf lawfully established and promulgated and not otherwise nor in any other manner.

PROVIDED THAT in your office as chaplain in the Defence Force you shall be under the jurisdiction of the Primate and the Bishop to the Defence Force acting on his behalf with his authority.

PROVIDED THAT in your office as chaplain in the Defence Force your ministrations shall be limited under this licence and authority to Defence Force ships, establishments and areas of operation and to members of the Defence Force and their families wherever they reside.

PROVIDED THAT you shall not perform any ministry other than to members of the Defence Force and their families without the authority duly given of the bishop of the diocese within which you are from time to time performing duties as chaplain in the Defence Force.

AND we do hereby reserve to ourselves, and to our successors, full power and authority to revoke these presents and all things herein contained, whensoever we shall see just cause so to do.

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

Lenny Shorten
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Chairman of Committees

I hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod on the twenty sixth day of May, 2002.

B. J. ...
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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.

+ Philip Crafton
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Bishop