

ORDINANCES PASSED BY SYNOD, 1925, AND
INCORPORATED IN THE LAW BOOK OF THE
DIOCESE

CHURCH FINANCE ORDINANCE, 1925

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the system of Church Finance within the Diocese of Grafton BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Synod of Grafton as follows:—

1. The Church Finance Ordinance, 1920, sections nine and ten of the Clergy Provident Fund Ordinance 1915 and sub-sections four and five of section three of the Church Extension Fund Ordinance 1914 as amended by the Church Extension Fund Amendment Ordinance 1916 are repealed but such repeal shall not effect the past operations of the said Ordinances or any existing obligations arising out of such past operations.

2. The Diocesan Council shall present to each Session of Synod a budget showing in detail the amount of money required for all Diocesan purposes during the next financial year including and showing separately and in detail the amount required for such purposes apart from all existing endowments and income of funds invested.

3. The Diocesan Council shall be responsible for the determination of the valuation of each Parish and Parochial District within the Diocese which shall be calculated by averaging the ordinary income of such Parish or Parochial District during the three preceding years.

4. Ordinary income for the purpose of this ordinance shall be deemed to include all moneys received for Church purposes in the Parish and Parochial District excepting moneys raised for travelling expenses in excess of £50 per annum incurred in parochial ministrations, the purchase, construction, repair or improvement of lands, buildings, furniture, musical instruments or accessories or for the payment of any debt incurred for such purposes or interest upon the same and after deduction of all moneys paid within such Parish or Parochial District for the stipend or expenses of any assistant Curate or Lay Reader.

5. Each Parochial Council shall within fourteen days of the Annual Meeting of the parish forward to the Diocesan Registrar copies of reports and balance sheets, showing clearly the nature of all revenue and expenditure for the preceding financial year.

6. As soon as possible after adoption by Synod of such Budget the Diocesan Council shall assess the amount of the same less the income from existing endowments and income of funds invested upon all Parishes and Parochial Districts within the Diocese in proportion to valuations as aforesaid and the Diocesan Registrar shall forthwith notify all Parochial Councils of the same.

7. If any Parochial Council shall be dissatisfied with any such valuation they may appeal against the same to the Bishop-in-Council upon giving notice of appeal to the Diocesan Registrar

within thirty days after receipt of notice of such assessment and the decision of the Bishop-in-Council upon any such appeal shall be final.

8. Each Parochial Council shall pay the amount of such assessment by four equal instalments on or before the last days of the months of September, December, March and June in each year and all moneys received by the Diocesan Council shall be allocated as follows:—

(a) The amount required under the budget for the Church Management Fund shall first be satisfied.

(b) The remainder of the moneys received shall be apportioned amongst the other funds mentioned in the budget in proportion to the total amounts allotted to them respectively in the budget provided always that the Bishop-in-Council shall have power in their discretion to vary such allotment.

9. A discount of five pounds per centum shall be allowed on all quarterly payments made before or within fourteen days after the due date thereof.

10. The Bishop-in-Council may appoint an organiser or Organisers of Church Finance whose duties shall be:—

(a) To assist the Diocesan Council in carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance.

(b) To advise and assist Parochial Councils in financial matters, when desired by such bodies.

(c) To report to each meeting of the Diocesan Council.

(d) To make a general report to each session of the Synod.

(e) To organise a Diocesan Sunday in the Diocese or any portion thereof as the Bishop-in-Council may see fit.

This Ordinance may be cited as the Church Finance Ordinance, 1925.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE
ON CHURCH FINANCE ORDINANCE.

The Committee has given full consideration to the amendment of the Finance Ordinance, and has considered it wise to present a new bill. There has been a difference of opinion as to the basis of valuation, and in consequence two Ordinances are to be presented, one on a population, and the other on a financial basis, leaving it to the wisdom of Synod to decide upon the principle.