

Corporate Trustees 1914.

DIOCESAN CORPORATE TRUSTEES ORDINANCE, 1914.

1914. No. 2.

Preamble.

Whereas by the Church of England Trust Property Incorporation Act 1881, certain powers are conferred upon the Synod of every Diocese in New South Wales, and whereas in pursuance of the powers so conferred the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton, duly met in the month of June, 1914, passed Resolutions constituting within the Diocese a Corporate Body of Trustees for the purpose of holding property in trust for the use and benefit of the Church of England within such Diocese and nominating as the Trustees forming the Corporation under the name of "The Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Grafton," Laurence Edwin Cope, Clarence John Ledger, Charles Alfred Gordon Lillingston, Herbert Arthur Evans and William Barrett King.

And whereas it is intended that the appointment of such Corporate Trustees shall be duly notified in the Government Gazette of New South Wales:

And whereas it is expedient under and in pursuance of the powers contained in the said Act to make rules for the appointment and otherwise of the members of the said Corporation:

Be it therefore ordained by the Synod of the said Diocese as follows, that is to say:—

Quorum and Powers.

1. Any three of the Trustees shall form a quorum and shall have and may exercise all the powers and authorities which by the Church of England Trust Property Incorporation Act 1881 or by any Synodical Ordinance of the Diocese of Grafton now or hereafter in force are or shall be vested in the Corporate Trustees of the said Diocese.

Vacancy not to Invalidate Proceedings.

2. No proceeding of the Trustees shall be invalidated or illegal in consequence only of there being any vacancy in the Corporate Body of Trustees at the time of such proceeding.

Chairman.

3. Such Trustee as the Bishop shall determine shall be Chairman of the Corporation and shall convene the members from time to time. Provided, that in the absence of the said Chairman the Bishop may convene a meeting of the Trustees who in that case may appoint one of their number to be Chairman at that meeting.

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Registrar to be Secretary.

4. The Registrar of the Diocese for the time being shall be the Secretary to the said Corporation, and shall at and within the building known as the Bishop's Registry at Grafton have the custody of the Common Seal of the said Corporation.

Power to Make Rules, etc.

5. The Trustees may, subject to the approval of Synod, make rules and regulations for their own guidance and for the transaction of business.

Common Seal.

6. The affixing of the Common Seal of the Corporation shall be verified by the signatures of not less than three of the Trustees and the signature of the Secretary.

Trustees to Hold Office.

7. The Trustees shall hold office subject to the provisions of the Church of England Trust Property Incorporation Act 1881.

Minutes to be Kept.

8. The Trustees shall keep minutes and records of their proceedings in such manner and form as they may from time to time determine.

Vacancy—How Filled.

9. The Synod upon the removal, forfeiture of office, resignation, or death of any Trustee, shall by resolution nominate and appoint a new Trustee or Trustees to fill the vacancy or vacancies so caused, and upon the passing of any such resolution the Bishop shall cause a notification under his hand to be inserted in the Government Gazette of New South Wales within thirty days after the vacancy shall have been so filled as aforesaid.

Church Furniture, Books, etc., to Vest in Trustees.

10. The furniture of every Church, and the Parish books, muniments, records, and sacred vessels of every Parish or belonging to such Church, and all other Parochial furniture shall be deemed to be vested in and be the property of the Corporate Trustees. Provided always, that the Clergyman in charge shall have the custody, care, and control of all the Parish books, muniments, and records, and the control of the sacred vessels and furniture of the Church, and the Churchwardens shall have the custody and care of the Church and its furniture.

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"Furniture" Defined.

11. The term "furniture" used in this Ordinance with reference to the furniture of a Church shall be deemed to include articles pertaining to the furnishing of the Church for Divine Service, such as the articles included in the term "Ornaments of the Church," in what is commonly called the Ornaments Rubric of the Book of Common Prayer.

Inventory to be Furnished.

12. The respective parties charged with the custody, care, and control of furniture, books, muniments, records, and sacred vessels of each Church shall on or before the 30th day of June, 1915, make a full and complete inventory of the same and furnish a copy thereof to the Registrar of the Diocese, and shall also from time to time whenever any additions to or removals from the same are made, furnish such Registrar with full particulars of such additions or removals, and a similar inventory shall be supplied on the same date in subsequent years in respect of any Church licensed for public worship thereafter.

Title.

13. This Ordinance shall be cited and known as "The Diocesan Corporate Trustees Ordinance, 1914."

I assent to above Ordinance

22nd June, 1914.

CECIL H. GRAFTON.