

Diocesan Missionary.

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY ORDINANCE 1916.

No. 2 OF 1916.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is desirable to make provision for the advancement and regulation of Missionary enterprise in the Diocese of Grafton: Be it therefore ordained by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton as follows:—

Committee.

1. A Committee shall be formed which shall be called "The Grafton Diocesan Missionary Committee."

Constitution.

The Committee shall consist of:—

The Bishop, who shall be Chairman;

The Archdeacons (ex officio);

One Clergyman from each Archdeaconry, as hereinafter provided, to be elected by Synod;

One Layman from each Archdeaconry, to be elected by Synod;

The Registrar, who shall be the Treasurer.

General Secretary.

3. The Committee may appoint a General Secretary, who shall ex officio be a member of the Committee, provided that such appointment may be from among the members of Committee referred to in Section 2.

Duties of Committee.

4. The functions of the Committee shall be:—

(a) To act as a corresponding medium with the Board of Missions of Australia and Tasmania.

(b) To arouse Missionary interest, raise funds for Missionary purposes and co-ordinate Missionary effort throughout the Diocese, on behalf of

i. The Aboriginal Inhabitants of Australia, Papua, and Melanesia.

ii. The various immigrant non-Christian races.

iii. The Heathen and Mohammedan world.

(c) To assist each Parish or Parochial District in the adoption of a scheme of voluntary self-assessment in accordance with the appointment suggested to the Diocese by the Board of Missions.

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(d) To arrange the itinerary of all Missionary deputations.

(e) To determine the disposal of such offerings as shall not have been specially allocated by the contributors.

Duties of Treasurer.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:—

(a) To receive all sums raised throughout the Diocese for any Missionary purpose whatsoever.

(b) To forward at specified intervals all such contributions to the Missionary organisations or agencies concerned.

(c) To acknowledge at least quarterly all such offerings in the Grafton Diocesan Chronicle.

(d) To prepare for publication with the Diocesan accounts a statement of each half year's contributions.

Quorum.

6. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum, one of whom shall be a layman.

Clerical Secretary.

7. There shall be a Clerical Secretary for each Archdeaconry, who shall be the Elective Clerical Member of Synod, as specified in Section 2.

Sub-Committees.

8. A sub-committee may be formed in each Archdeaconry for the furtherance of Missionary effort in its own sphere. Of this Sub-committee the Archdeacon shall be the Chairman (in the absence of the Bishop), and the members, amongst whom shall be included the Elective Lay Member of Synod, shall be chosen by each Archidiaconal Conference.

Vacancy—How Filled.

9. Any vacancy in the Committee shall be filled by the Committee until the next meeting of Synod.
Report.

10. The Committee shall present a Report and Balance Sheet at every ordinary session of Synod.

Short Title.

11. This Ordinance may be cited as the Diocesan Missionary Ordinance 1916.

Assented to 28th August, 1916.