

**DIOCESAN SYNOD.**

**Church Finance Ordinance 1920.**

**CHURCH FINANCE ORDINANCE 1920.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish a new system of Church Finance within the Diocese of Grafton Be it therefore enacted by the Synod of Grafton as follows:—

1. The Diocesan Council shall present to each session of Synod a budget showing in detail the amount of money required (over and above all existing endowments and income of funds invested) for all Diocesan purposes during the next financial year and motion shall be made for the adoption of the budget as submitted or after amendment made.

2. The Diocesan Council shall also submit to each session of Synod a valuation of the ordinary income not being less than the income for the preceding financial year which in the opinion of the Parochial Council concerned should with reasonable diligence be received and collected in each Parish and Parochial District in the Diocese, and the Diocesan Council shall report to Synod upon the valuations so submitted, and motion shall be made for the adoption of the valuations as submitted or after amendment made.

3. Each Parochial Council shall at least six weeks before the meeting of Synod in each year forward to the Diocesan Registrar the Parochial valuation required by Section 3 of this Ordinance and in the event of any Parochial Council failing to carry out the provision of this section the Diocesan Council shall have power to make a valuation for the Parochial Council concerned.

4. As soon as practicable after the meeting of Synod the Diocesan Council shall compile an assessment whereby the total amount of the proposed budget shall be rated upon all Parishes and Parochial Districts in reasonable proportion to the amounts of the said respective valuations and each Parochial Council shall forthwith be notified of the amount of such assessment which shall be stated in detail.

5. Each Parochial Council shall pay the amount of its Assessment by four equal instalments on or before the last

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days of the months of September, December, March and June of each financial year and all moneys so received by the Diocesan Council shall be allocated by the Diocesan Council in the following manner:—

- (a) In satisfying the quota required under the budget for the Church Management Fund.
- (b) In allotting the remainder among the participating funds in proportion to the total amount assigned to such funds respectively in the budget.

6. Each Parochial Council shall before the beginning of each financial year prepare and pass a Parochial Budget of all moneys required during such year for all parochial purposes in addition to the apportionment for Foreign Missions recommended by the Diocesan Missionary Committee and the payment of the before-mentioned assessments for the purposes of the Diocesan Budget.

7. Each Parochial Council shall thereupon proceed to collect the amount of such Parochial Budget by the system of Church Membership Dues whereby each Parishioner shall be invited to contribute his or her due proportion of the same or by such means as the Parochial Council shall decide.

8. 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 all Parochial Councils in the institution and working of the system of Church Membership dues.

- (c) To report to the Diocesan Council each month.
- (d) To make a general report to each session of Synod.

9. This Ordinance may be cited at the "Church Finance Ordinance 1920."

I assent to this Ordinance.

ARTHUR B. TRESS,  
Administrator.

7th September, 1920.

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