

THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY ORDINANCE 1932, NO. 4

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for the promotion, advancement and regulation of Missionary enterprise in the Diocese, be it, therefore, ordained by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled as follows:—

REPEAL.

1. The Diocesan Missionary Ordinance, 1916, is hereby repealed.

2. The elective members of the Missionary Committee as at present constituted who are in office when this Ordinance shall come into operation shall continue to hold office and in conjunction with the members ex officio hereunder to perform the duties of the Missionary Committee under this Ordinance until the election of their successors.

CONSTITUTION.

3. There shall be a Diocesan Missionary Committee comprised as follows:—

The Bishop, who shall be Chairman.

The Archdeacons (ex officio).

The Diocesan Representative to A.B.M. (ex officio).

The Diocesan Secretaries of Missionary Organisations, which are approved by the Bishop-in-Council (ex officio).

The Registrar (ex officio), who shall be the Treasurer.

And four persons, of whom two may be women, to be elected by the Bishop-in-Council.

Every member of the Committee shall be a communicant member of the Church of England, but need not necessarily be a member of Synod.

ELECTIONS.

4. The elective members of the Diocesan Missionary Committee shall be elected by the Bishop-in-Council at its first meeting after the first session of each Synod.

TERM OF OFFICE.

5. Elective members shall hold office for three years or until the election of their successors.

VACANCIES.

6. Vacancies on the Committee of elective members shall be filled by the Committee.

SECRETARY.

7. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary from amongst its members.

QUORUM.

8. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

MEETINGS.

9. The Committee shall meet not less than four times a year at such times and places as the Bishop shall appoint.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE.

10. the objects of the Committee shall be—

- (a) To act as a corresponding committee of the Australian Board of Missions.
- (b) To arouse Missionary interest throughout the Diocese.
- (c) To promote in the parishes the formation of branches of the various organisations for the enlistment of Missionary effort.
- (d) To make provision for the giving of information and the promotion of intercessions and the collection of funds in the parishes of the Diocese on behalf of all missions conducted or supported, whether by the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, through the Board of Missions or by other Missionary organisations consisting of members of the Church of England.
- (e) To arrange the itinerary of all Missionary deputations.

- (f) To determine the disposal of such offerings as shall not have been specially allocated by the contributors.
- (g) To submit to each Session of Synod a budget showing the total Missionary money expected, together with a list of Voluntary Missionary Assessment of the parishes.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

11. 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 regularly all such contributions to the Missionary organisations or agencies concerned.
- (c) To submit a statement to each meeting of the Committee.
- (d) To submit an audited statement to each session of Synod.

REPORT.

12. The Committee shall present a report at every ordinary Session of Synod.

SHORT TITLE.

13. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Diocesan Missionary Ordinance, 1932, No. 4."

We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton on the 20th day of September, 1932.

F. S. DUTTON, Clerical Secretary.
R. A. STANDFIELD, Lay Secretary.

I assent to this Ordinance,

JOHN WILLIAM GRAFTON.

Date: 21st September, 1932.

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