

**DIOCESAN GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE 2008  
AMENDING AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS ORDINANCE  
(Renaming of Transitional Ministry Districts) 2025  
Ordinance No. 3 of 2025**

An Ordinance to amend the name given to certain Ministry Units from Transitional Ministry District to Ministry District.

**PREAMBLE**

**Whereas** the determination of and provisions relating thereto for certain Ministry Units described as Transitional Ministry Districts are found in Section 6 of Chapter 10 within Clauses 105.1 to 106.2 inclusive of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008; and

**Whereas** it has become expedient to amend the Ordinance to allow for such Ministry Units to be described as Ministry Districts, and

**In consequence**, to provide for the renaming of those Ministry Units currently described as Transitional Ministry Districts and the requirements placed upon them by either Synod or Bishop-in-Council to be retained in the change to Ministry District,

**Therefore**, the Bishop-in-Council in pursuance of powers provided in clause 48.2 of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 hereby decrees and enacts as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

1. Delete the word "Transitional" in clause 75.5 of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 (as amended).
2. Replace all the words in Section 6 of Chapter 10 of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 (as amended) with those contained in the Schedule attached to this Ordinance.

**CONSEQUENTIAL**

3. It is hereby decreed that those Ministry Units determined by either Synod or Bishop-in-Council to be Transitional Ministry Districts at the time of assent of this Ordinance shall upon assent be described as Ministry Districts.

Further, such requirements and provisions as were imposed under clauses 106.1 and 106.2 on those Transitional Ministry Districts prior to assent shall remain in force upon those Ministry Districts after assent.

**SCHEDULE**

(See attached)

**COMMENCEMENT**

This Ordinance shall come into effect upon receiving the assent of the Bishop.

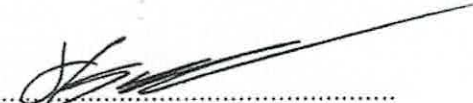
**SHORT TITLE**

This Ordinance may be cited as the Renaming of Transitional Ministry Districts Amending Ordinance 2025.

**ASSENT**

We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Bishop-in-Council on the Thirty-first day of July, 2025 and that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.

  
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Chair of Committees

  
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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.

  
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Bishop

  
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Date

# **SCHEDULE**

## **SECTION 6 – MINISTRY DISTRICT**

### **Determination of a Ministry District**

- 105.1 The Synod or Bishop-in-Council may by resolution determine that a Ministry Unit based on a geographical area be determined as a Ministry District where:
- (a) continued operation as a distinct Parish is not assured and special attention is required to prepare the Ministry District for a viable future whether as a discrete unit or fully or partially incorporated into other Ministry Units; or
  - (b) a new Ministry Unit requires a period under special arrangements until its ongoing viability can be confirmed.
- 105.2 A record of Ministry Districts shall be maintained by the Registrar and a list of current Ministry Districts published in each Year Book of the Diocese.

### **Special conditions for a Ministry District**

- 106.1 For each Ministry District, the requirements of this Ordinance applicable to a Parish shall apply with the following exceptions:
- (a) The representation at Synod provided in 43.1(f) reduces to one;
  - (b) Parish Nominators are not elected as per 83.1(i)
  - (c) Rights with regard to boundary changes in 72.3 and 72.5 do not apply.
- 106.2 For each Ministry District, the Synod or Bishop-in-Council may by resolution determine to apply one or more of the following exceptions to the requirements of this Ordinance applicable to a Parish:
- (a) Suspension of the holding of Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings as per 81.1 and following clauses;
  - (b) Appointment of a Management Committee to govern the Ministry District with the powers and responsibilities provided under this Ordinance to a Parish Council.

Note: Clauses from 107.1 to 108.1 are not currently allocated.