
DEACONS ORDINANCE 1988

No. 33, 1988

AN ORDINANCE to provide for tenure of office of deacons.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Deacons Ordinance 1988".
2. A deacon holding a licence or an authority of the Archbishop shall hold office subject to:
 - (a) the terms of the licence or authority of the Archbishop held by the deacon; and
 - (b) where the deacon is entitled to or is paid a stipend or is entitled to any other emolument or perquisite, at least three months notice of termination of payment of such stipend or entitlement to such emolument or perquisite being given by or on behalf of the person or persons who pay or provide the same.
3. A deacon's licence shall be suspended or revoked only at the request of the deacon or (after opportunity has been given to the deacon to show cause) in such cases as the Synod shall by ordinance determine or as a consequence of a judgement or finding of a tribunal or of some other court of competent jurisdiction.
4. Where a deacon is appointed to serve in a parish or other ecclesiastical district with the assent of the parish council thereof, it is the responsibility of that parish council to raise such moneys as may be needed to pay the stipend and provide any other emoluments or perquisites to be paid or provided for the deacon until the appointment is terminated.
5. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the Archbishop from requiring an undertaking of the clergyman whom the deacon will assist concerning the work to be undertaken by the deacon or any other matter relating to the office to be exercised by the deacon.
6. The rule to the effect that a deacon who assists the minister of a parish shall cease to hold a licence or authority upon that minister ceasing to be the minister of the parish is revoked.
7. A word or an expression defined in clause 1 of the Deaconesses, Readers and Other Lay Persons Ordinance 1981 shall have the same meaning where used in this Ordinance.

I CERTIFY that this Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

E.D. CAMERON
Chairman of Committees

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WE CERTIFY that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on this 12th day of October 1988.

G.K. CLIFTON
W.G.S. GOTLEY
Secretaries of Synod

I ASSENT to this Ordinance

DONALD ROBINSON
Archbishop of Sydney

31/10/1988