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AN ORDINANCE to authorise the formation of a Sydney Diocesan Missionary Committee to define the Constitution of such Committee and the scope of its operations and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is incumbent upon the Church to engage in Missionary Work and it is doing so through various organisations both amongst the Aborigines and other non-Christians within the Commonwealth in New Guinea and in other lands AND WHEREAS for the carrying out of such Missionary Work many Agents are employed and large sums of money are contributed by members of the Church of England and others within the Diocese of Sydney AND WHEREAS it is expedient to take official cognizance of all such Missionary Work without in any way restricting the rights and powers of any Missionary Organisation by the formation of a Missionary Committee the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance of the powers in that behalf conferred upon it by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England in the State of New South Wales ordains and rules as follows:—

1.—Title.

That a Committee be formed the title of which shall be "The Sydney Diocesan Missionary Committee."

2.—Definitions.

The "Committee" means the Sydney Diocesan Missionary Committee.

The "Archbishop" means the Archbishop of the Diocese of Sydney or in his absence his Commissary or if the See be vacant the Administrator of the Diocese.

"Organisation" means any Board Society Association or Committee carrying out the Missionary Work of the Church and raising funds for that purpose within the Diocese of Sydney.

*Diocesan Missionary Committee.*3. *Objects.*

The objects of the Committee are:—

To deliberate and advise upon the best methods of promoting throughout the Diocese interest in Missionary Work.

To promote joint Missionary efforts conferences intercessions services and other gatherings for Missionary inspirational purposes.

To tabulate and publish statistics of Missionaries at work from the Diocese and of amounts raised by each Parish or District for Missionary Work to be presented to Synod at each regular Session as an official report.

4.—*Constitution of Committee.*

The Committee shall consist of:—

- (a) The Archbishop who shall be Chairman (*ex officio*).
- (b) The Dean of Sydney (*ex officio*).
- (c) Seven members elected at the First Session of each Synod to hold office until the end of the First Session of the succeeding Synod.
- (d) Four members appointed by the Archbishop to hold office so long as the foregoing elected members hold office.
- (e) A representative elected by each Missionary Organisation already existing or hereafter formed in the Diocese which has been officially recognised for this purpose by a resolution of Synod including the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Association.

5.—*Vacancies.*

Any vacancy occurring among the members of the Committee elected by Synod may if the Synod be not in Session be filled by the Standing Committee appointing some person to act until the Session of Synod next ensuing when the Synod shall elect some person to serve for the remainder of the term of the life of such Synod and any vacancy occurring amongst the members appointed by the Archbishop shall be filled by the Archbishop provided that such membership shall cease with the expiration of the life of the Synod then existing.

*Diocesan Missionary Committee.*6.—*Secretary.*

The Committee shall elect from time to time an Honorary Secretary who shall keep minutes conduct any correspondence and act generally as the executive officer of the Committee.

7.—*Meetings.*

The Committee shall meet at least twice in the year and at such other times as the Chairman on his own initiative or on the request of three members of the Committee shall determine.

8.—*Short Title.*

This Ordinance may be cited as "The Diocesan Missionary Ordinance 1915."

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

E. W. MOLESWORTH,

Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed on 10th September, 1915.

E. CLAYDON	} <i>Secretaries of</i>
W. R. BEAVER	

I assent to this Ordinance.

JOHN CHARLES SYDNEY.

10th September, 1915.