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*New Housing Church Building Fund Ordinance 1947.*

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No. 15, 1947.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for Churches and or other buildings in New Housing Areas in the Diocese of Sydney and for purposes incidental thereto.

WHEREAS owing to the rapid development of New Housing Areas in the Diocese of Sydney it is necessary to provide Church buildings for the people living therein.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to provide funds to enable such Church buildings to be built by means of a special assessment of all Parishes and Districts.

Now the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney hereby ordains, directs and rules as follows:—

1. An Assessment based on the Average Annual Income as provided by the Registry and Synod Assessments Ordinance of 1895 or any ordinance amending or taking the place of the same shall take effect as from the first day of April, 1948, for a period of ten years at the rate of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per centum per annum in the case of parochial and provisional districts and parishes which have not been in existence three years and parishes having an assessable income not exceeding £500 per annum and at the rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per centum per annum in the case of all other parishes.

2. The amount assessed shall be paid by the Parishes and Districts to the Standing Committee on or before the 30th September in each and every year during the currency of the assessment.

Provided that if in the opinion of the Standing Committee, a Parish, Parochial District or Provisional District is taking effective steps to provide Church buildings in New Housing Areas within its boundaries, such Parish, Parochial District or Provisional District may be exempted from making payments under this ordinance for such times as the Standing Committee determines.

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3. The Standing Committee shall hold the said moneys received in accordance with this Ordinance in a special account to be known as "The New Housing Areas Church Building Fund" and shall after the payment of administration expenses, upon request of the Committee of the Anglican Building Crusade, apply the same from time to time for the purpose of defraying the cost of Church buildings erected in such New Housing Areas as the Standing Committee may determine.

Provided that the Standing Committee may, with a view to developing and organising church work in such areas before the said buildings are erected and available for use, apply such amounts out of the said fund as it may consider necessary for the purpose of acquiring and suitably equipping one or more mobile Churches, and for the necessary maintenance and management and upkeep thereof.

4. The Committee of the Anglican Building Crusade shall consist of not less than eight and not more than ten members, half of which number shall be appointed by the Archbishop who shall be Chairman *ex officio*, and half the number shall be elected by the Standing Committee in the first instance. All members so appointed or elected shall hold office for two years or till the date of the holding of the ordinary Session of Synod in each alternate year, and that such Committee shall consult with the Minister of the Parish as to the design of building or buildings to be erected.

5. The Committee of the Anglican Building Crusade shall make arrangements with the District or Parish concerned to repay to the said Fund the moneys advanced for such building together with interest thereon at such nominal rate on such terms and within such time as the Standing Committee may approve.

6. The Committee of the Anglican Building Crusade or such other body or person as shall be appointed by the Standing Committee shall collect such repayments and interest, and shall pay the same to the Standing Committee quarterly.

7. The Standing Committee shall report to Synod annually its administration of the fund hereinbefore referred to.

8. This Ordinance shall be cited as "New Housing Areas Church Building Fund Ordinance 1947."

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

R. C. ATKINSON,  
Chairman of Committees.

W. G. HILLIARD,  
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney this Fifth day of December, 1947.

S. H. DENMAN }  
A. L. BLYTHE } Secretaries  
of Synod

I assent to this Ordinance.

HOWARD SYDNEY.

Archbishop of Sydney.

5th December, 1947.