

Parish Administration (Safe Ministry) Amendment Ordinance 2013

No 28, 2013

Long Title

An Ordinance to amend the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 with respect to safe ministry.

The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name

This Ordinance is the Parish Administration (Safe Ministry) Amendment Ordinance 2013.

2. Amendment to the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008

The Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 is amended as follows –

- (a) delete the words “where that contact is not directly supervised” in the definition of ‘children’s ministry position’ in rule 7.1 of schedule 1 and rule 7.1 of schedule 2 and in rule 7.6(e) of schedule 1, and
- (b) insert new subrules (3) and (4) in rule 7.2 of schedule 1 and rule 7.2 of schedule 2 as follows –

“(3) The minister and any assistant minister licensed to the parish must have satisfactorily completed safe ministry training within the last 3 years or within 3 months after the licence is issued and every 3 years thereafter while the licence continues.

(4) If the minister or any assistant minister licensed to a parish fails, without just cause, to undertake safe ministry training as required by rule 7.2(3), the Archbishop may direct that person to undertake the required training.”, and

- (c) insert a new subrule (1A) in rule 7.3 of schedule 1 and rule 7.3 of schedule 2 as follows –

“(1A) If the minister fails, without just cause, to appoint a safe ministry representative as required by rule 7.3(1), the Archbishop may direct the minister to do so.”

- (d) insert a new rule 7.7 of Schedule 1 as follows –

“7.7 Application to Fellowships

Chapter 7 applies to fellowships under the Department of Evangelism and New Churches Ordinance 2010 as if –

- (a) the fellowship and the places where it undertakes ministry are a parish, and
- (b) the leader of the fellowship is the minister, and
- (c) the Board of the Department of Evangelism and New Churches, or such other body of persons within the fellowship that the Board nominates, is the parish council, and
- (d) a person appointed to a position in the fellowship is a parish office holder, and
- (e) a person appointed to a position in the fellowship, whether paid or unpaid, that primarily involves contact with children is a person appointed to a children’s ministry position.”

3. Transition

- (1) Subject to clause 3(2) this Ordinance commences on the date of assent.
- (2) Clause 2(b) commences 12 months after the date of assent to this Ordinance.

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

K SOWADA
Deputy Chairman of Committees

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 26 August 2013.

MA PAYNE
Acting Secretary

I Assent to this Ordinance.

GN DAVIES
Archbishop of Sydney
27/08/2013