



## **Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Ordinance 1997**

No 23, 1997

### **Long Title**

An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of an Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Trust Fund and the Sydney Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee and for purposes connected therewith.

### **Preamble**

A. Glebe Administration Board holds a Provision for Distribution (the "Provision") on trust under the Diocesan Endowment Ordinance 1984 to be applied in accordance with clause 4 of that Ordinance.

B. Due to circumstances which have arisen after the creation of the trusts upon which the Provision is held, it is inexpedient to carry out and observe those trusts and it is inexpedient to apply \$1,200,000 of that Provision for the same or like purposes as the trusts on which the Provision is held.

C. It is expedient to appropriate \$1,200,000 from the Provision and vest it in Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney (the "Property Trust") on trust for an Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Trust Fund (the "Fund").

D. It is expedient to establish a committee to be known as the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee for the purposes set out in this Ordinance.

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

### **Part 1 - Preliminary**

#### **Name**

1. This Ordinance is the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Ordinance 1997.

#### **Definitions**

2. In this Ordinance, unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter -

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

"Archdeacons" means the Archdeacons with territorial jurisdiction in the Diocese.

"Committee" means the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee.

"Synod" means the Synod of the Diocese.

### **Part 2 - Establishment of the Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Trust Fund**

#### **Variation of Trusts**

3. Due to circumstances which have arisen after the creation of the trusts on which the Provision is held, it is

inexpedient to carry out and observe those trusts and it is inexpedient to apply \$1,200,000 of that Provision for the same or like purposes as the trusts on which the Provision is presently held.

#### **Direction for Payment**

4. The Board shall pay to the Property Trust as soon as possible \$1,200,000 from the Provision and the Property Trust shall hold this money upon trust for the Fund.

#### **Management of the Fund**

5. The Property Trust shall invest the property of the Fund.

### **Part 3 - Constitution, Functions and Powers of the Committee**

#### **Constitution**

6. (1) Each year (or near the end of the immediately preceding year) the Archbishop, with the approval of the Standing Committee, must appoint 12 persons to constitute the Committee for the relevant year.

(2) With the approval of the Standing Committee, the Archbishop may -

(a) appoint, during a year, additional persons to the Committee for that year; and

(b) revoke the appointment of a person to the Committee.

(3) The members of the Committee must be active Christians and at least one half should be indigenous persons.

(4) A member of the Committee, by notice in writing to the Archbishop, may resign his or her membership of the Committee and the resulting vacancy may be filled by the Archbishop with the approval of the Standing Committee.

(5) The Archbishop must nominate a person (who need not be a member of the Committee) to convene meetings of the Committee.

(6) At a meeting of the Committee a quorum shall be 5 members.

#### **Function**

7. (1) The function of the Committee is to give directions to the Property Trust about the application of the income of the Fund.

(2) Subject to subclause (3) the Committee may only direct that the income of the Fund be applied for or in connection with one or more of the following purposes -

(a) the planting of Anglican Churches in the Diocese where indigenous people may minister in a way that the Gospel is commended to them;

(b) the selection, training and supporting of indigenous people to minister primarily in the churches referred to in paragraph (a);

(c) the establishment and support of the churches referred to in paragraph (a); and

(d) the education and awareness of the whole Church in relation to indigenous issues.

(3) The Committee may direct that part of the income of the Fund be added to the capital of the Fund or be set aside for application in a future year.

(4) The Property Trust must give effect to all directions duly given under this clause.

8. In the years 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 the Committee shall seek to ensure that no ministries to indigenous people which are assessed by the majority of the Archdeacons to be doing valuable work are terminated.

## **Expenditure**

9. The Property Trust must report to the Committee on a regular basis as to -

(a) the income of the Fund available to be applied; and

(b) the applications made from the income of the Fund.

10. The Committee must report to each ordinary session of the Synod on its administration of the Fund.

## **Part 4 - Miscellaneous**

### **Review of Ordinance**

11. This Ordinance must be reviewed by the Standing Committee in the years 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010.

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

**N.M. CAMERON**

*Chairman of Committees*

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 22 September 1997.

**W.G.S. GOTLEY**

*Secretary*

I Assent to this Ordinance.

**P.R. WATSON**

*Commissary for the Archbishop of Sydney*

22/9/1997