
*Sydney Church of England New Areas Committee
Constitution Ordinance 1967*

No. 38, 1967

AN ORDINANCE to constitute and define the functions of the Sydney Church of England New Areas Committee and for purposes connected therewith.

WHEREAS a committee known as Sydney Church of England New Areas Committee was recently appointed by the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Sydney to assist him in meeting the pastoral and other needs of rapidly developing new areas in the Diocese of Sydney AND WHEREAS considerable funds have now been received by the said committee and promised to be paid to it for the purposes for which it was appointed AND WHEREAS it is now expedient that the said committee be constituted as a committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney and its powers duties and functions defined NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS AND RULES as follows:-

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Sydney Church of England New Areas Committee Constitution Ordinance 1967".
2. In this Ordinance unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter:

"The Committee" means the Sydney Church of England New Areas 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;

"The Diocese" means the Diocese of Sydney;

"The Synod" means the Synod of the Diocese;

"Elected Members" includes members appointed by the Archbishop;

"Parish" includes Provisional Parishes and Provisional Districts; Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender.

3. The name of the Committee is the "Sydney Church of England New Areas Committee".
4. The objects of the Committee are;
 - (a) to investigate the needs for providing a pastoral ministry and the acquisition of land and buildings for church and other purposes in areas which by reason of the rapid increase in population are unable in their early development to support a minister and provide for his accommodation and travelling allowances,

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- (b) to purchase and provide sites and buildings for places of worship in new housing districts.
 - (c) To assist such areas by funds from a central diocesan source.
 - (d) To report to the Archbishop regarding the appointment of a clergyman or clergymen to have the pastoral care of such areas.
 - (e) (i) To appeal for and raise funds from parishes organisations and persons.
 - (ii) To apply money received in or towards the stipend accommodation and travelling allowance of clergymen appointed and licensed to the care and oversight of such areas.
 - (iii) To report on the availability of any land or buildings suitable for development of the work of the church in such areas and to provide funds for the purchase of such land or buildings as may be approved by the Archbishop.
 - (iv) To work in close collaboration with any clergyman so appointed and with any local committee or committees formed in an area to further the work of the church.
 - (v) To receive from any local committee moneys collected or received by it from services held in the area or from other local activities provided that any money so received shall be used for the benefit of the area from which it came and not applied for the needs of other areas and provided further that the Committee may allow any local committee to retain such proportion of locally raised funds as the Committee may determine.
5. (a) The Committee shall consist of:
- (i) The Archbishop who shall be its President and an ex officio member.
 - (ii) A Chairman (ex officio) appointed by the Archbishop and whose appointment may be terminated by him.
 - (iii) A director (ex officio) appointed by the Archbishop and whose appointment may be terminated by him.
 - (iv) Four persons being members of Synod appointed by the Archbishop.
 - (v) Four clergymen and four laymen all being members of of Synod elected by Synod.

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(b) The first members of the Committee elected by Synod shall be:

Ven. E. A. Pitt	Mr. K. R. Utz
Ven. R. G. Fillingham	Mr. E. S. Newman
Rev. R. J. Bomford	Mr. A. H. Johnston
Rev. F. L. Cuttriss	Mr. A. B. Greenwood

(c) One clergyman and one layman elected by Synod shall retire in rotation at each ordinary session of Synod and shall be eligible for re-election in the first instance the order of retirement shall be determined by the Committee.

(d) The quorum at meetings of the Committee is five.

6. The Director shall be the chief executive of the Committee and in that capacity shall be subject to the control and direction of the Committee.
7. The Committee's financial year shall be from the 1st April (or date of its constitution) to 31st March next following.
8. The Committee shall cause to be kept accounts of moneys received and paid and invested by it. Once at least in every year its accounts shall be examined and the correctness thereof ascertained by an Auditor or Auditors appointed by the Standing Committee of Synod.
9. A report of the Committee's principal activities during each financial year and an audited statement of its accounts shall be laid before the next and each succeeding ordinary session of Synod.
10. All moneys held by the Committee and available for investment may be invested in accordance with the provisions of the Investment of Church Trust Property Investment Ordinance or any ordinance amending or taking the place of the same.

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

ATHOL RICHARDSON,
Chairman of Committees.

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on the 12th day of October, 1967.

K. N. SHELLEY, W. L. J. HUTCHISON,
Secretaries of Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

MARCUS LOANE,
Archbishop of Sydney.

12/10/1967.