

Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2003

No 46, 2003

An ordinance to amend the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name

This ordinance is Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2003.

2. Amendment

The Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 is amended as follows -

- (a) in clause 6, the following matter is inserted after "Representative" -

“, alternate for a Parochial Representative”;

- (b) after the heading “Part 4 - Parochial Ministers” the following heading is inserted -

“Division 1 - Parochial Ministers”;

- (c) after clause 8 the following matter is inserted -

“Division 2 - Alternate for a Parochial Minister

8A. Parochial Minister may appoint an alternate

(1) A Parochial Minister may appoint an Associate Minister licensed to the same Parochial Unit to be the alternate for the Parochial Minister for a session of the Synod if the Parochial Minister expects that during all or part of that session -

- (a) the Parochial Minister will be outside the Diocese; or
- (b) the Parochial Minister will be on annual leave or long service leave; or
- (c) the Parochial Minister will be unable to perform normal ministry duties due to sickness or accident for which the Parochial Unit will be in receipt of benefits from the Sydney Diocesan Sickness and Accident Fund; or
- (d) the Parochial Minister, with the consent of the Archbishop, will for any other reason be unable to attend all or part of that session.

(2) The appointment of an alternate can only be made by the Parochial Minister giving to the Registrar, at least 14 days prior to the first day of

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the session, a written notice -

- (a) certifying that the Parochial Minister expects that during all or part of that session the Parochial Minister will be outside the Diocese or will be on annual leave or long service leave or will be unable to perform normal ministry duties in terms of subclause (1)(c) or, with the consent of the Archbishop, will for another reason be unable to attend all or part of that session; and
 - (b) specifying the name and address of the Associate Minister appointed as the alternate and the session of the Synod for which the alternate has been appointed.
- (3) An appointment made under this clause may only be revoked -
- (a) by the Parochial Minister; and
 - (b) if written notice of the revocation is given to the Registrar at least 14 days prior to the first day of the session.

8B. Alternate to attend in place of the Parochial Minister

- (1) At the session of the Synod for which an Associate Minister is appointed as the alternate for a Parochial Minister, the alternate -
- (a) may exercise all the rights which a Parochial Minister may exercise as a member of the Synod; and
 - (b) shall be taken to be a Parochial Minister in determining any quorum at the session,

but is not entitled to be elected to any office or committee of the Synod for which membership of the Synod is a qualification.

- (2) If -
- (a) a Parochial Minister has appointed an alternate under clause 8A; and
 - (b) the appointment has not ended under clause 8C,

the Parochial Minister is not to attend the session of the Synod for which the alternate has been appointed.

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8C. When does an appointment of an alternate end?

The appointment of an Associate Minister as the alternate for a Parochial Minister under clause 8A ends on the first to occur of -

- (a) the person making the appointment ceasing to be the Parochial Minister of the Parochial Unit to which the person was licensed at the time the appointment was made; or
 - (b) the person appointed as alternate ceasing to be an Associate Minister licensed to the Parochial Unit to which the person was licensed at the time the appointment was made; or
 - (c) the Parochial Minister revoking the appointment under clause 8A(3); or
 - (d) the end of the last day of the session of the Synod for which that person was appointed as an alternate.”;
- (d) after clause 22 the following matter is inserted -

“Division 5 - Alternate for a Parochial Representative

22A. Parochial Representative may appoint an alternate

(1) With the consent of the parish council, a Parochial Representative may appoint a Qualified Person to be the alternate for the Parochial Representative for a session of the Synod if the Parochial Representative expects that during all or part of the session -

- (a) the Parochial Representative will be outside the Diocese; or
- (b) the Parochial Representative will be on annual leave or long service leave or sick leave; or
- (c) the Parochial Representative will be for any other reason unable to attend all or part of that session.

(2) The appointment of an alternate can only be made by the Parochial Representative giving to the Registrar, at least 14 days prior to the first day of the session, a written notice -

- (a) certifying that the Parochial Representative expects that during all or

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part of that session the Parochial Representative will be outside the Diocese or will be on annual leave or long service leave or sick leave or for another specified reason will be unable to attend all or part of that session; and

- (b) specifying the name and address of the Qualified Person appointed as the alternate and the session of the Synod for which the alternate has been appointed; and
- (c) certifying that the appointment of the alternate has been approved by the parish council.

(3) An appointment made under this clause may be revoked if written notice of the revocation is given to the Registrar at least 14 days prior to the first day of the session -

- (a) by the parish council; or
- (b) by the Parochial Representative if he or she has become available to attend the session of Synod.

22B. Alternate to attend in place of the Parochial Representative

(1) At the session of the Synod for which a Qualified Person is appointed as the alternate for a Parochial Representative, the alternate -

- (a) may exercise all the rights which a Parochial Representative may exercise as a member of the Synod; and
- (b) shall be taken to be a Parish Representative in determining any quorum at the session,

but is not entitled to be elected to any office or committee of the Synod for which membership of the Synod is a qualification.

(2) If -

- (a) a Parochial Representative has appointed an alternate under clause 22A; and
- (b) the appointment has not ended under clause 22C,

the Parochial Representative is not to attend the session of the Synod for which the alternate has been appointed.

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22C. When does an appointment of an alternate end?

The appointment of a Qualified Person as the alternate for a Parochial Representative under clause 22A ends on the first to occur of -

- (a) the retirement of the Parochial Representative under clause 18; or
- (b) the person appointed as the alternate ceasing to be a Qualified Person; or
- (c) the revocation of the appointment under clause 22A(3); or
- (d) the end of the last day of the session of the Synod for which that person was appointed as an alternate.”;
- (e) in the Dictionary the following definitions are inserted -
 - “Associate Minister’ means an assistant minister or a senior assistant minister within the meaning of the Assistant Ministers Ordinance 1990.”
 - ‘session of the Synod’ means all meetings of the Synod to which a summons issued to members of the Synod applies.”.

3. Commencement

This ordinance commences on the date of assent.

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

PG KELL
Chairman of Committees

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 14 October 2003.

CJ MORONEY
MA PAYNE
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

PETER F JENSEN
Archbishop of Sydney
15/10/2003