

# Area Deanery Conference Ordinance 1965

(Reprinted under the Interpretation Ordinance 1985.)

The Area Deanery Conference Ordinance 1965 as amended by the Area Deanery Conference Ordinance 1965 Amendment Ordinance 1970, Assistant Bishops (Bishops Coadjutor) Ordinance 1971, Area Deanery Conference Amendment Ordinance 1972, Interpretation Ordinance 1985, Area Deanery Ordinance 1985, Area Deanery Conference Amendment Ordinance 1988, Assisted Provisional Parishes Ordinance 1988, the Miscellaneous Amendments Ordinance 1989, the Area Deanery Conference Amendment Ordinance 1991 and the Miscellaneous Amendments Ordinance 1999.

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### Long Title

An Ordinance to constitute area deanery conferences.

### Preamble

Whereas area deanery conferences have been called from time to time by area deans for the purpose of discussing matters of mutual interests in the life of the Church And Whereas such conferences have no established constitution And Whereas it is expedient that such conferences be constituted as a regular diocesan practice Now the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Hereby Ordains and Directs as follows -

### Calling a Conference

1. (1) An area deanery conference for the purpose of discussing matters of mutual or common interest in the life of the Church may be called from time to time by the area dean or by a majority of the area deanery chapter or ten lay members of the conference.

(2) Copies of an agenda must be circulated to the participating parishes and provisional parishes by the area dean at least 1 week before a conference.

### Membership of Conference

2. (1) Membership of the conference shall consist of the following -

- (a) The area dean who shall be convener and chairman.
- (b) The rectors, curates-in-charge and assistant curates within the area deanery.
- (c) Clergy holding the Archbishop's licence to a specific ministry within the area deanery.
- (d) Deaconesses and parish sisters holding the Archbishop's licence or authority to act within the area deanery.
- (e) Persons involved in full-time stipendiary pastoral ministry within the area deanery and holding an authority from the Archbishop.
- (f) Commissioned Church Army officers and sisters, holding the Archbishop's certificate of appointment to a specific ministry within the area deanery.
- (g) Synod members summoned under Parts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 who are resident within the area deanery.
- (h) Such Synod representatives as are duly elected for parishes and provisional parishes within the area deanery.
- (i) 2, 3 or 4 parishioners aged 18 years or over who are communicant members of the Anglican Church of Australia from each such parish or provisional parish appointed by the parish council.

(2) The Assistant Bishop and the Archdeacon exercising oversight in such area deanery may attend and speak at the conference if called upon or if they so desire.

(3) In the absence of the area dean the conference shall elect a chairman from among the clergy present.

## **Rules for the Conduct of Business**

3. The rules of procedure of the Synod (by whatever name called) shall apply to the conference insofar as they refer to rules of debate on resolutions other than ordinances provided that the conference method of discussion may also be used as a regular method of procedure. The chairman shall have a casting vote but not a deliberative vote.

## **Secretaries**

4. The chapter clerk and a lay secretary appointed by the conference shall act as secretaries, and shall keep in a book minutes of the proceedings of the conference, such minutes to be confirmed at the conclusion of each day's business or in such other way as the conference may determine.

## **Forwarding a Resolution to the Synod**

5. It shall be competent for the conference to forward a resolution to the diocesan Synod.

## **Citation**

6. This Ordinance may be cited as "Area Deanery Conference Ordinance 1965".

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## **Table of Amendments**

Long Title	Amended by Ordinance No 24, 1985.
Preamble	Amended by Ordinance No 24, 1985.
Clause 1	Amended by Ordinances Nos 44, 1970; 41, 1972; 24, 1985; 30, 1988; 39, 1991 and 27, 1999.
Clause 2	Amended by Ordinances Nos 44, 1970; 28, 1971; 41, 1972; 23, 1985; 24, 1985; 25, 1988; 32, 1989 and 27, 1999.
Clause 3	Amended by Ordinance No 27, 1999.
Clause 4	Amended by Ordinances Nos 44, 1970 and 41, 1972.
Clause 5	Inserted by Ordinance No 41, 1972.
Clause 6	Amended by Ordinances Nos 44, 1970; 41, 1972 and 25, 1988.

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