

Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish of Artarmon to a parish

(A report from the Northern Regional Council.)

Proposal

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the minister and wardens of the provisional parish of St Basil's, Artarmon under clause 4 of the Parishes Ordinance 1979 for reclassification as a parish.

Details of meeting

2. A meeting of the Northern Regional Council held on 19 August 2009 considered the proposal under clause 5 of the Parishes Ordinance.

3. The Northern Regional Council certifies that all procedural requirements under clauses 4 and 6 of the Parishes Ordinance have been completed, and recommends that the Synod raise the status of the provisional parish to a parish.

Parish information

4. The parish of Artarmon was reclassified a provisional parish in 1998 following declining revue and attendance during the incumbency of the Rev. Thomas Hall. In May 2007, the Rev. Ernest Chau became the Curate-in-Charge having brought his mainly Chinese congregation from St John the Baptist Kirribilli to St Basil's. St John's continues to be a provisional parish because of its lack of a rectory-standard residence for the incumbent. Since Artarmon already had a rectory-standard residence, the upsurge in numbers attending enabled the revenue to be lifted to the threshold of a full parish.

5. In the current year, regular attendance at St Basil's is as follows –

9.15 am (English service)	50
11.00 am (Cantonese service)	110

6. The parish has plans to expand services in the near future with a Mandarin service and a contemporary English service.

Particulars of church property

7. Details of property held by the Anglican Church Property Trust upon trust for the Provisional Parish are as follows –

	Value of Land and Improvements
Church	\$5,096,000
Garage	\$19,000
Rectory	\$735,000
Hall	\$615,000
Toilet block	\$18,000

Summary of consolidated receipts and payments

8. A summary of the financial position over the past three years is set out below –

	2006	2007	2008
Receipts	\$	\$	\$
Offerories	60,281	91,300	118,275
Missions	2,724	0	65
Grants	22,833	10,000	0
Interest/ Investments	14,254	4,241	3,849
Other	436	16,013	99
Trading Activities excess	15,688	20,460	23,611
Receipts from within the parish	7,049	82,196	
Total	123,265	224,220	145,8999

	2006	2007	2008
Expenditure	\$	\$	\$
Stipends/salaries	61,208	62,193	59,679
Cost recoveries	14,801	15,961	16,307
Resources for ministry	3,882	12,792	11,008
Parish donations	2,724	1,100	665
Administration	11,729	7,616	6,868
Property maintenance	37,874	14,959	28,839
Other	8,310	0	0
Trading activities deficit	997	0	0
Total	141,525	114,621	123,336

9. The parish supports the following missionaries: Clarkes (CMS); Powells (Pioneers).
10. The parish has no outstanding debts.
11. The Bishop of North Sydney supports this application.

Recommendation

12. The Northern Regional Council recommends that the provisional parish of Artarmon be reclassified as a parish with effect from 1 January 2010.

For and behalf of the Northern Regional Council.

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Regional Bishop

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