

Church Ministry Ordinance 1993

(Reprinted under the Interpretation Ordinance 1985.)

The Church Ministry Ordinance 1993 as amended by the Church Ministry (Confessions) Ordinance 1993, the Church Ministry (Lessons) Ordinance 1995 and the Church Ministry (Confessions) Ordinance 1993 Repeal Ordinance 1997.

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Long Title

An Ordinance to record the principles to be followed in the Diocese in relation to some aspects of the ministry conducted on or from church buildings in the Diocese and other church trust property held upon trust for the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese or in any part of the Diocese.

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

Citation

1. This ordinance may be cited as the "Church Ministry Ordinance 1993".

Definitions

2. (1) Words and expressions used in this ordinance have the same meaning as in the schedule to the Interpretation Ordinance 1985 and clause 2 of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990.

(2) In this ordinance, "Church Property" means church trust property held upon trust for the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese or in any part of the Diocese.

(3) In this ordinance, "Schedule" means a schedule added to this ordinance.

Operations

3. (1) A provision or rule as to the use of Church Property which is inconsistent with a provision of a Schedule is void to the extent of the inconsistency.

(2) In the case of Church Property held upon a trust which is inconsistent with a provision of a Schedule, it is inexpedient to carry out or observe the trust to the extent of such inconsistency and the trust is varied so as to be consistent with every provision of each Schedule.

(3) For the removal of doubt, it is declared that -

(a) each provision of each Schedule is binding on the members of this church as provided in the 1902 Constitutions; and

(b) for the purposes of section 54(2) of the 1961 Constitution, the provisions of each Schedule are each a matter of ritual, ceremonial or discipline (as the case may be); and

(c) failure to act in accordance with a provision of a Schedule is an offence.

(4) The provisions of each Schedule apply.

(5) In printing copies of this ordinance, the Schedules may be arranged in such order as seems convenient and helpful.

Schedule 1 - Lessons

The lessons which may be read in the course of divine service are -

(a) those prescribed in the Tables in the Book of Common Prayer or in An Australian Prayer Book or in any other Table authorised by the Synod; and/or

(b) passages of scripture each of which is of reasonable length, having regard to the length of the passages prescribed in the Table or Tables referred to in paragraph (a) and at least one of which is part of a systematic reading of Holy Scripture.

The Table of Lessons set out in the Schedule to the Alternative Table of Lessons Canon 1985 as amended by the Alternative Table of Lessons Amendment Canon 1992 is authorised by the Synod for the purposes of paragraph (a).

Table of Amendments

Schedule 1 Original Schedule 1, dealing with Confessions, was inserted by Ordinance No 44, 1993 but was repealed by Ordinance No 34, 1997. New Schedule 1, dealing with Lessons, formerly Schedule 2, was inserted by Ordinance No 37, 1995.

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