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Release of the Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2009

The *Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2009* will be posted on the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat ('SDS') web site on **5 September 2008**. Please note that the Guidelines will not be separately mailed out to parishes.

The 2009 Guidelines can be accessed as follows –

- Open the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat web site www.sds.asn.au
- Click 'For Churchwardens & Parish Councillors'.
- Run your mouse cursor over 'Stipends, Allowances & Benefits for Parish Staff', then click on 'Clergy'.
- Under the heading 'Remuneration Guidelines', open the document 'Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2009'.

What's new in 2009?

- From 1 January 2009 the minimum stipend for ministers **increases by 1.6% to \$50,673**, as approved by Standing Committee on 25 August 2008.
- The 'interactive online' version provides updated links and access to detailed sections within the Guidelines, Diocesan ordinances, legislation, web pages and other useful information.
- *NEW* link to the SDS sample Parish Workers Compensation declaration template.
- *NEW* link to the SDS Motor Vehicle purchasing guide.
- Updated sample 'Stipend Package Calculator' and sample 'MEA Reconciliation and payment template'.
- · Share your thoughts on the Guidelines by completing the **Feedback Form**.

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