

Living Faith Council Ordinance 2020 Amendment Ordinance 2021

No 38, 2021

Long Title

An Ordinance to amend the *Living Faith Council Ordinance 2020*.

The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name of ordinance

This Ordinance is the Living Faith Council Ordinance 2020 Amendment Ordinance 2021.

2. Amendment

The *Living Faith Council Ordinance 2020* is amended as follows –

- (a) in the Long Title insert the matter “wish to stay true to the historic Christian faith and who” before the word “experience”,
- (b) in clause 3 delete the matter “experience same-sex attraction or gender incongruence.” and insert instead the matter –
“wish to stay true to the historic Christian faith and who experience same-sex attraction or gender incongruence, and to groups, churches and organisations who care for such persons.”, and
- (c) delete the whole of the matter in clause 5 and insert instead –
 - “5. The functions of the Council are –
 - (a) to offer biblical teaching, encouragement and support to Christian men and women who experience same sex attraction or gender incongruence as they seek to express their sexuality and gender in accordance with the historic Christian faith,
 - (b) to help Christians welcome and love those who experience same-sex attraction or gender incongruence and to repudiate attitudes and actions that victimise or diminish them by –
 - (i) equipping them to support those seeking to express their sexuality and gender in accordance with the historic Christian faith, and
 - (ii) providing and developing resources informed by biblical perspectives on sexuality and gender,
 - (c) to offer biblical teaching, encouragement and support to the families, spouses and friends of people who experience same-sex attraction or gender incongruence, and
 - (d) such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above functions.”.

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

MICHAEL STEAD
Deputy Chair of Committee

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I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 11 October 2021.

DANIEL GLYNN
Secretary

I Assent to this Ordinance.

KANISHKA RAFFEL
Archbishop of Sydney

11/10/2021