

Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2001

No 44, 2001

An Ordinance to provide a structure to carry out parish reviews.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains -

Name

1. This Ordinance is the Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2001.

Definition

2. In this Ordinance, "parish review" means any examination of the affairs, property or function of a parish required or permitted under any ordinance of the Synod and includes any similar examination sought by a parish of its own motion.

Parish Review Monitoring Panel

3. There shall be a Parish Review Monitoring Panel ("the Panel") consisting of 4 persons elected by the Synod and 2 persons nominated by the Archbishop.

Function of the Panel

4. The Panel shall make provision for accrediting suitably trained, experienced and gifted persons who may be, but need not be members of the Panel to act as facilitators or members of the group conducting a parish review (herein called a "review group"). Such facilitators are called "accredited facilitators".

5. The Panel shall arrange for the convening of review groups and the conduct of parish reviews and shall monitor their progress and keep records of their recommendations.

6. The Panel shall seek to accredit persons as members of groups to conduct parish reviews having regard to the need to appoint persons who are committed to Christ and active members of their church whether ordained or lay. Such persons are called "accredited members".

Accredited facilitators

7. A person may be accredited as facilitator, if, in addition to the qualities referred to in clauses 4 and 6, the Panel considers that he or she has the necessary skills, to chair and direct the activities of a review group.

Guidelines

8. The Panel shall develop and publish guidelines as to the process and best practice for the conduct of parish reviews.

Report to Synod

9. The Panel shall report to the Synod each year as to the operation of its activities.

Budget

10. The Panel shall before the end of April in each year submit to the Diocesan Secretary a budget for the next calendar year as to the cost of operating this ordinance.

Election of Panel

11. The first session of each Synod shall elect 4 persons to the Panel. The first appointments of these people shall be by the Standing Committee, the persons so appointed to hold office until the declaration of the election at the first session of the next Synod.

Licensing review group and appeal group

12. (1) There shall be a licensing review group consisting of 10 persons elected at the first session of each Synod of whom at least 4 must be members of the clergy and at least 4 shall be lay persons.

(2) There shall be an appeal group consisting of 10 persons elected at the first session of each Synod of whom 5 shall be clergy who are or have been incumbents and 5 shall be lay persons who are or have been churchwardens for a period of at least 2 years.

(3) The first appointments of persons to the licensing review group and the appeal group are to be made by the Standing Committee. Subject to clause 13, the persons so appointed will hold office until the declaration of the election at the first session of the next Synod.

Casual Vacancies

13. A casual vacancy in the office of member of the Panel, member of the licensing review panel or member of the appeal group arises in the circumstances prescribed by part 7 of the Synod Elections Ordinance 2000 and is to be filled in the manner prescribed by that part.

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

R TONG
Deputy Chairman of Committees

We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 3 November 2001.

C J MARONEY
M A PAYNE
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

PETER F JENSEN
Archbishop of Sydney
9/11/2001