

Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2008

No 27, 2008

Long Title

An Ordinance to determine the cost recoveries charge payable by parochial units in 2009, to authorise the application of such charge, and for incidental purposes.

Preamble

A. Under clause 10 of the Assessment and Charges Ordinance 1975 (the "1975 Ordinance"), a parochial unit is to pay each year a cost recoveries charge for the ministry and property costs which in the opinion of Standing Committee have been or will be incurred on behalf of or in relation to the parochial unit or any member of the clergy licensed to the parochial unit.

B. By clause 3(1) of the Synod Estimates and Parochial Cost Recoveries (Alignment of Strategy) Ordinance 2008 the Standing Committee is to prepare for the 1st ordinary session of the 48th Synod an ordinance which specifies the cost recovery charge to be paid by each parochial unit in 2009 and authorises the application of the charge toward ministry and property costs.

C. By clause 11 of the 1975 Ordinance, the Standing Committee is to prepare for the 2nd ordinary session of each Synod an ordinance which specifies the cost recoveries charge to be paid by each parochial unit in each of the following 3 years, or the method by which such charge may be determined, and authorises the application of the charge toward the ministry and property costs.

D. The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name

This Ordinance is the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2008.

2. Definitions

In this Ordinance –

"year" means a period of 12 calendar months commencing on 1 January.

"ministry and property costs" means –

- (a) the costs, expenses, charges and recoveries for 2009 referred to or contemplated under clause 10(2) of the 1975 Ordinance, and
- (b) two-thirds of the costs in 2009 of the Professionals Standards Unit.

"parochial unit" means a parish, provisional parish, recognised church or provisional recognised church in the Diocese of Sydney.

3. Cost recoveries charge

In 2009 each parochial unit is to pay a cost recoveries charge calculated according to the formula in the Schedule.

4. Directions for Application

The cost recoveries charge paid by a parochial unit under clause 3 is to be applied to the payment of the ministry and property costs incurred, or to be incurred, in the year for which that charge is paid.

Schedule: Cost Recoveries Charge

1. The cost recoveries charge payable by a parochial unit for a year is the sum of –

- (a) the minister and assistant minister charge for that year, and
- (b) the variable ministry and property charge for that year, and

but if –

- (c) the contributions, costs and charges for a minister or assistant minister are paid by another parochial unit or body, or do not apply to the minister or assistant minister, a pro rata rebate of the appropriate portion of the minister or assistant minister charge is granted for that part or parts of the year for which that minister or assistant minister is licensed, and
- (d) if a minister or assistant minister is licensed to the parochial unit only for part or parts of the year, an appropriate portion of the minister and assistant minister charge is payable for such part or parts.

2. In this Schedule –

“assistant minister” means an assistant minister or a senior assistant minister within the meaning of the Assistant Ministers Ordinance 1990 licensed to the parochial unit.

“minister” means –

- (a) the person licensed to the parochial unit as rector or curate-in-charge, and
- (b) in the absence or incapacity of a person referred to in paragraph (a) or during any vacancy in office of the rector or curate-in-charge of the parochial unit, the person authorised under clause 59 of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990 for the time being to exercise all or any of the functions of the rector or curate-in-charge.

“minister and assistant minister charge” means, for each minister and assistant minister licensed to the parochial unit, the sum of the following costs and charges –

- (a) the costs of the contribution or contributions to a superannuation fund at the rate determined from time to time under the Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Ordinance 1961, and
- (b) the costs of the payment or payments required to be made under the Long Service Leave Canon 1992, and
- (c) the costs of the contribution or contributions to fund the Sydney Diocesan Sickness and Accident Fund, and
- (d) the costs of effecting stipend continuance insurance.

“variable ministry and property charge” in 2009 means 4.64% of the net receipts of the parochial unit for 2007 under the 1975 Ordinance.

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

K SOWADA
Deputy Chairman of Committees

We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 14 October 2008.

CJ MORONEY
R WICKS
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

PETER F JENSEN
Archbishop of Sydney
22/10/2008