
Women's Work in the Church 1922.

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AN ORDINANCE to permit of Women under certain specified conditions conducting services in Church.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England within the State of New South Wales ordains and rules as follows:—

1. In this Ordinance the word "Deaconess" means a woman who has been set apart by the Archbishop of Sydney or a Bishop with the laying-on of hands for the work of a Deaconess; and the word "laywoman" means a woman other than a Deaconess of or above the age of 23 years who is an actual communicant of the Church of England.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in clause 17 of the "Sydney Church Ordinance" the Archbishop may issue a license or authority to a Deaconess to perform the whole or any part of the following duties:—

With the approval of the Minister (i.) in Church to read Morning and Evening Prayer and the Litany, except such portions as are assigned to the Priest only; (ii.) under special permission from the Archbishop to address the congregation.

3. The Archbishop, with the approval of the Minister, may also issue a license or authority to a laywoman, who is not a Deaconess but who is otherwise duly qualified and approved by the Archbishop to address the congregation.

4. The Archbishop in Council may make rules and regulations as to the conditions on which licenses or authorities are to be granted.

5. In the absence of the Archbishop from the State, or in the event of a vacancy in the See the provisions of this Ordinance may be applied by the Commissary or the Administrator of the Diocese as the case may be.

6. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Women's Work in the Church Ordinance 1922."

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I certify the above Ordinance is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed in Committee,

GERARD D'ARCY-IVRINE,
Acting Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed this 16th day of October, 1922.

E. CLAYDON | *Secretaries*
W. R. BEAVER | *of the Synod.*

I assent to this Ordinance.

JOHN CHARLES SYDNEY.

23rd October, 1922.