

## **Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002**

No 60, 2002

An ordinance to specify the method for determining the cost recoveries charge payable by parochial units in 2003, 2004 and 2005, to authorise the application of such charges, and for incidental purposes.

### **Preamble**

A. Clause 10 of the [Assessment and Charges Ordinance 1975](#) (the "1975 Ordinance") provides that in each year a parochial unit is to pay 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 a parochial unit or any member of the clergy licenced to a parochial unit.

B. Clause 11 of 1975 Ordinance requires that the Standing Committee prepare for the 1st 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 which authorises the application of such charge toward the ministry and property costs.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains -

### **1. Name**

This Ordinance is the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002.

### **2. Definitions**

In this Ordinance -

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

"ministry and property costs" means the costs, expenses, charges and recoveries for a year referred to or contemplated under clause 10(2) of the 1975 Ordinance and specifically includes the contribution of each parochial unit to the Parish Assistance Fund.

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

### **3. Cost recoveries charge**

(1) In 2003, 2004 and 2005 each parochial unit is to pay a cost recoveries charge calculated according to the formula in the Schedule.

(2) The Standing Committee is to report to the 2nd and 3rd sessions of the 46th Synod about-

(a) a description of the ministry and property costs payable in the following year and an estimate of the amounts so payable, and

(b) the cost recoveries charge estimated to be payable by each parochial unit in the following year and details of how that charge is calculated.

#### 4. Directions for Application

(1) The cost recoveries charges paid by a parochial unit under clause 3 is to be applied by the Standing Committee toward the payment of the ministry and property costs incurred, or to be incurred, in the year for which those charges are paid.

(2) The distribution of the Parish Assistance Fund between regional councils is to be determined by the Standing Committee.

#### 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 **plus**

(b) the variable charge for that year,

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 the minister and assistant minister charge is granted in respect of that part or parts of the year, or

(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 in respect of 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 a 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, 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 the sum of the total for each minister and assistant minister of the following contributions, costs and charges for the year-

(a) the contribution or contributions to the Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund under the Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Ordinance 1961,

(b) the payment required to be made to the General Synod Long Service Leave Fund,

(c) the contribution or contributions required to be made to the Sydney Diocesan Sickness and Accident Fund, and

(d) the cost of effecting insurance under the Stipend Continuance Plan.

"variable charge" means -

(a) in 2003 - 5.18% of the net receipts of the parochial unit for 2001 under the 1975 Ordinance, and

(b) in 2004 - the determined percentage for that year of the net receipts of the parochial unit for 2002 under the 1975 Ordinance, and

(c) in 2005 - the determined percentage for that year of the net receipts of the parochial unit for 2003 under the 1975 Ordinance.

"determined percentage" means the ratio, expressed as a percentage, determined by the Standing Committee in accordance with the following formula -

$$\frac{TC - TM - SA}{TR}$$

TR

where

TC is the total estimated amount of all ministry and property costs payable in a particular year,

TM is total amount of all minister and assistant minister charges payable in a particular year,

SA is the total amount of all appropriations made under an ordinance of the Synod or the Standing Committee for the purpose of contributing to the payment of the property costs for that year, and

TR is the total of the net receipts of all parochial units.

For 2004 and 2005 TC and SA will be determined after a full review to be undertaken by the Standing Committee in 2003 of the component ministry and property costs to be included in the variable charge.

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

**R TONG**

*Chairman of Committees*

We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 22 October 2002.

**CJ MORONEY**

**MA PAYNE**

*Secretaries of Synod*

I Assent to this Ordinance.

**PETER F JENSEN**

*Archbishop of Sydney*

23/10/2002