

Ministry Ordinance 2000

No. 1, 2000

An Ordinance to allow for persons to assist rectors and curates in charge.

Now the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows -

1. Name

This Ordinance is the Ministry Ordinance 2000.

2. Operation

(1) All provisions as to the use of Church Property which are inconsistent with the amendments made by clauses 3 and 4 or with the ordinances referred to in those clauses as so amended are repealed. 5

(2) In the case of Church Property held upon a trust which is inconsistent with the amendments or with those ordinances as so amended it is inexpedient to carry out and observe that trust to the extent of such inconsistency and such trust is varied so as to be consistent with the amendments and with those ordinances as so amended. 10

3. Amendment of the Church Grounds and Buildings Ordinance 1990 15

The Church Grounds and Buildings Ordinance 1990 is amended by the substitution of the following for clause 7 -

“7 (1) A person must not be licensed as or authorised to act (as rector, incumbent, curate-in-charge or otherwise) in sole charge of a parish or be appointed pursuant to clause 59 of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990 unless that person is a clergyman and, where the Presentation and Exchange Ordinance 1981 is applicable, is licensed pursuant to an offer made in accordance with that ordinance. In this subclause, 'clergyman' means a male person, in priests' orders. 20 25

(2) No person is permitted to celebrate divine service or preach any sermon in any church in a parish except - 30

- (a) the Archbishop;
- (b) the Assistant Bishop of the area in which the church is situated;
- (c) the minister of the parish;
- (d) a person: 35
 - (i) who is licensed or authorised by the Archbishop, whether pursuant to the

Deaconesses, Readers and other Lay Person Ordinance 1981 or otherwise, to assist the minister of the parish; and	
(ii) whose appointment was approved generally or specifically by the parish council of the parish; and	5
(e) a person (not being a person in the order of bishops) invited so to do by the minister of the parish in relation to whom a request has not been made under clause 7(4).	10
(3) By way of example and guidance as to the operation of clause 7(2)(d)(ii) -	
(a) an appointment is approved generally if the parish council by resolution approves the appointment of a person not named in the resolution to a particular position - such as assistant minister; and	15
(b) an appointment is approved specifically if the parish council by resolution approves the appointment of a person named in the resolution.	20
(4) The minister of a parish must not invite a person to celebrate divine service or preach a sermon in a church in his parish or otherwise assist him in his parish if he has been asked not to invite that person to so act by -	25
(a) the Archbishop;	
(b) the Assistant Bishop of the area in which the church is situated;	
(c) the churchwardens of the church; or	30
(d) the parish council of the parish;	
or if -	
(i) the churchwardens of the church or the parish council of the parish have asked that persons of a class specified be not invited to assist under clause 7(2)(e);	35
(ii) the person is a member of that class; and	
(iii) the churchwardens or parish council (as the case may be) have not made an exception in respect of that person.	40
A request made under this provision may be withdrawn at any time by the person or persons who make it.	
(5) Subject to clause 7(4) the minister of a parish may invite any person of good standing to assist him or on his behalf to celebrate divine service or preach	45

