
Wollongong Diocese Committee Ordinance 1972

No. 39, 1972

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the election of the committee known as the Wollongong Diocese Committee and for purposes incidental thereto.

WHEREAS in 1966 Synod by resolution appointed the Wollongong Commission of Enquiry and the said Commission reported in 1968 with recommendations AND WHEREAS the Synod in 1968 by seven resolutions adopted the said recommendations including the following:—

- (i) That this Synod receives the Report of the Wollongong Commission of Enquiry and approves in principle of the recommendation that a new Diocese, with Wollongong as its See City, should be formed within ten years.”
- (vii) That this Synod requests Standing Committee to appoint a Committee with representatives from both Sydney and the area of the proposed new Diocese of Wollongong to consult with all appropriate persons and authorities to advise the Standing Committee, the Archbishop and others concerned on all matters involved in the ultimate creation of a new Diocese, and from time to time to take such steps as seem desirable upon the best possible terms and conditions to further its establishment.”

AND WHEREAS Standing Committee in 1968 in accordance with the above resolutions appointed a committee which has carried out its duties since then AND WHEREAS Synod in 1971 by resolution requested Standing Committee to prepare an ordinance providing for “the election by members of the whole or part of Synod of the Wollongong Diocese Committee” NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as “Wollongong Diocese Committee Ordinance 1972.”
2. There shall be a committee known as the Wollongong Diocese Committee to consult with all appropriate persons and authorities, to advise the Standing Committee, the Archbishop and others concerned on all matters involved in the ultimate creation of the proposed new Diocese of Wollongong and from time to time to take such steps as seem desirable upon the best possible terms and conditions to further its establishment.
3. The Committee shall comprise:—
 - (a) The Bishop in Wollongong as Chairman.
 - (b) The archdeacon or archdeacons serving in the area.
 - (c) Two rural deans from the rural deaneries which form the area under the episcopal oversight of the Bishop in Wollongong other than the Rural Deanery of Sutherland (hereinafter referred to as “the area”) appointed by the Archbishop.
 - (d) Two clergymen from the area elected by Synod.
 - (e) Four laymen from the area elected by Synod.
 - (f) Three members of Synod from the remainder of the Diocese at least one of whom shall be a clergyman elected by Synod.
 - (g) Up to two members co-opted by the Committee.

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4. The elected members shall hold office for three years and shall be elected at the first ordinary session of each Synod. Co-opted members shall hold office until the next election of elected members.
5. The provisions of the Casual Vacancies Ordinance 1935 as amended shall apply to this Ordinance.
6. The present members of the Wollongong Diocese Committee shall continue in office until an election under the provisions of this Ordinance takes place at the ordinary session of Synod in 1973.

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

ATHOL RICHARDSON,
Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney this 11th day of October, 1972.

R. J. BOMFORD,
W. L. J. HUTCHISON,
Secretaries of Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

MARCUS LOANE,
Archbishop of Sydney.

11/10/1972.