
Anglican Youth Department Ordinance 1975

No. 43, 1975

AN ORDINANCE to reconstitute the Church of England Youth Department of the Diocese of Sydney.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further provision for the furtherance of work among young people in the Diocese of Sydney NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:—

NAME

1. The Department which, prior to the date on which this Ordinance comes into force, was known as the "Church of England Youth Department of the Diocese of Sydney" shall be known on and after that date as the "Anglican Youth Department Diocese of Sydney".

FUNCTION

2. The function of the said Department shall be to provide a Christian ministry to youth and to promote a Christian ministry by youth primarily within the Diocese of Sydney by such means as the Council hereinafter constituted shall think expedient with a view to strengthening youth commitment to and involvement in local congregations. The expression "Christian ministry" in this clause includes (but without limiting the generality thereof):—

- (a) proclaiming the Christian gospel;
- (b) teaching Biblical truths;
- (c) caring for and encouraging one another in the Christian faith; and
- (d) teaching people to engage effectively in the foregoing.

The function of the said Department shall also include:—

- (e) training persons for Christian youth leadership;
- (f) encouraging Christian activities amongst youth;
- (g) encouraging camping; and
- (h) the acquisition, maintenance and development of facilities to provide for the foregoing.

The Department may do all things incidental to these functions and shall co-operate with and assist other organisations in the Diocese of Sydney in carrying out these functions.

COUNCIL

3. The management of the Department shall be vested in a Council which shall consist of the Archbishop of Sydney for the time being, a Director and sixteen other members.

4. The Director shall be a clergyman or layman appointed by the Archbishop in consultation with the Council.

5. (1) The sixteen other members shall be elected or appointed as follows:—

- (a) Five clergymen and five lay persons who shall be elected by the Synod of whom at least two clergymen and two lay persons shall retire on the first day of each ordinary session of the Synod. Those members to retire in each year shall be those who have been members of the Council for the longest terms. The Council shall determine by lot which members are to retire under this clause. Any retiring member shall

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- be eligible for re-election. Each person who retires pursuant to this paragraph shall do so on the election of his successor.
- (b) One clergyman and one lay person who shall be appointed from time to time by the Archbishop, who shall hold office for three years from the date of his appointment and who shall be eligible for reappointment.
- (c) One person, clerical or lay, who shall be appointed from time to time by the Board of Education of the Diocese of Sydney, who shall hold office for three years and who shall be eligible for reappointment.
- (d) Three lay persons each being of less than 30 years of age, who shall be elected by the Council, who subject to subclause (4) hereof shall hold office for three years and who shall be eligible for re-election.
- (2) The persons who, on the date on which this Ordinance is assented to, are members of the Council constituted by The Youth Department Ordinance of 1949 (hereinafter called the "1949 Ordinance") shall continue to hold office until the first day of the next ordinary session of Synod following the passing of this Ordinance.
- (3) Each casual vacancy in the membership of the Council, being a vacancy which in the ordinary course would be filled by the Synod pursuant to paragraph (a) of subclause (1) of this clause, shall be filled by the Standing Committee by resolution thereof. All persons so appointed shall hold office until the next ordinary session of this Synod but shall be eligible for election. For the purposes of this subclause persons elected pursuant to paragraph (a) of clause 4 of the 1949 Ordinance shall be deemed to have been elected under paragraph (a) of clause 5 of this Ordinance.
- (4) A person appointed or elected pursuant to this clause shall cease to be a member of the Council if:—
- (a) he dies;
 - (b) he resigns by writing given or sent to the Archbishop or to the Director;
 - (c) he becomes bankrupt or insolvent;
 - (d) he is convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for one month or longer;
 - (e) he is absent from three consecutive meetings without leave of absence;
 - (f) he retires pursuant to this clause; or
 - (g) in the case of a person elected pursuant to paragraph (d) of subclause (1), he attains the age of thirty years.
- (5) Subject to subclause (3) the Casual Vacancies Ordinance 1935 shall apply in relation to the Council.

PROCEEDINGS

6. (1) Five members of the Council shall form a quorum.
- (2) Subject to subclause (1) hereof and to all other provisions herein the Council shall meet at such times and in such places and conduct the business of the Council in such manner as the members consider appropriate.
- (3) A vacancy in the membership of the Council shall not invalidate any act or proceeding of the Council.

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RIGHTS, POWERS AND DUTIES

7. The Council shall have authority to carry out and perform all of the functions conferred upon it by this Ordinance.
8. Without limiting the generality of clause 7, the Council may receive and disburse moneys, employ persons and dismiss any person employed by the Council.
9. Notwithstanding anything in this Ordinance to the contrary, the Council shall not exercise any of the said functions in any parish, provisional parish or provisional district or other ecclesiastical area without the consent of the Minister for the time being licensed to or in charge of the same or on a Diocesan Regional Basis without prior notification to the Regional Bishop.
10. All assets of the Council other than moneys required to meet the day-to-day expenses of the Council shall be vested in Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney. All property managed and controlled by the Department which, prior to the date on which this Ordinance comes into force, was known as the "Church of England Youth Department of the Diocese of Sydney" shall be managed and controlled by the Council.
11. The Council shall lay before the Synod at each ordinary session thereof a report in respect of its activities and shall comply in all respects with the Accounts Ordinance 1975.

MISCELLANEOUS

12. (1) Where used herein, words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender.
- (2) The Youth Department Ordinance of 1949 is hereby repealed.
- (3) This Ordinance may be cited as "Anglican Youth Department Ordinance 1975".

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 14th day of October, 1975.

W. G. S. GOTLEY,
R. J. BOMFORD,
Secretaries of Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

A. J. DAIN,
Commissary.

14/10/1975.