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*Rural Deanery Conference Ordinance 1965*

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No. 37 , 1965.

AN ORDINANCE to Constitute Rural Deanery Conferences.

WHEREAS Rural Deanery Conferences have been called from time to time by Rural Deans for the purpose of discussing matters of mutual interests in the life of the Church AND WHEREAS such Conferences have no established constitution AND WHEREAS it is expedient that such Conferences be constituted as a regular diocesan practice NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS AND DIRECTS as follows:

1. A Rural Deanery Conference for the purpose of discussing matters of mutual or common interest in the life of the Church shall be called at least once a year within three months before each ordinary session of Synod, but not more than twice a year, provided that the Archbishop may direct conferences to be called at such other times as he may desire.

2. (a) Membership of the Conference shall consist of the Rural Dean, who shall be convenor and chairman the Rectors Curates-in-Charge and Assistant Curates within the Rural Deanery, the lay Synod representatives of each parish in the Rural Deanery, the clerical and lay representatives of Synod elected under the 14th or 15th Constitutions who are resident in the Rural Deanery, and two adult parishioners who are communicants from each parish, provisional parish or provisional district elected each year by the Parish Council at its first meeting after the Annual Vestry Meeting together with any Deaconesses and Parish Sisters serving within the Rural Deanery.
- (b) The Archdeacon may attend and speak at the conference if called upon or if he so desires.
- (c) In the absence of the Rural Dean the conference shall elect a chairman from among the clergy present.

3. Standing Orders of the Synod shall apply to the Conference insofar as they refer to rules of debate on resolutions other than ordinances provided that the conference method of discussion may also be used as a regular method of procedure. The Chairman shall have a casting vote but not a deliberative vote.

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4. (a) The Chapter Clerk and a Lay Secretary appointed by the conference shall act as secretaries, and shall keep in a book minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, such minutes to be confirmed at the conclusion of each day's business.

(b) A copy of such minutes shall be forwarded to the Archbishop, the Bishop Coadjutor and the Archdeacon of the area within fourteen days of the conclusion of the Conference.

5. This Ordinance may be cited as "Rural Deanery Conference Ordinance 1965."

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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 on the 14th day of October, 1965.

K. N. SHELLEY, W. L. J. HUTCHISON,

Secretaries of Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

HUGH SYDNEY, Archbishop of Sydney.

15/10/1965.