

# **THE DIOCESAN MINISTRY FUND ACT 1978**

## **AN ACT**

### **TO ESTABLISH THE MINISTRY FUND**

#### **WHEREAS :**

- (a) By resolution of the Synod of the Diocese of Bendigo in 1977 a Diocesan Ministry Fund was established for a period of twelve months;
- (b) The said period of twelve months will expire on the 30th day of June, 1978;
- (c) It is desired that the Ministry Fund should be established permanently;

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Bishop, the Clergy and the Laity of the Anglican Church of Australia within the Diocese of Bendigo duly met in Synod according to law as follows :-

1. This Act may be cited as "The Diocesan Ministry Fund Act 1978".
2. (a) There shall be established a fund to be known as the Diocesan Ministry Fund (hereinafter referred to as "the Fund").  
(b) There shall be paid from the Fund
  - (i) all stipends, travelling and other proper contributions and allowances of all stipendiary clergy employed within the Diocese;
  - (ii) such contributions for superannuation and/or long service leave in respect of clergy on leave of absence from the Diocese as the Council of the Diocese or the Bendigo Anglican Diocesan Corporation incorporated under the Bendigo Anglican Diocesan Corporation Act 2014 may from time to time direct.<sup>1</sup>
3. (a) There shall be a Ministry Fund Committee (Hereinafter called

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<sup>1</sup> Subsection 2 (b) (ii) amended in 2014 according to Schedule 2 of the Bendigo Anglican Diocesan Corporation Act 2014.

"the Committee") consisting of an Archdeacon of the Diocese nominated by the Bishop, the Registrar and two clerical and four lay members elected from and by the Synod.<sup>2</sup>

- (b) The Committee shall have the right to co-opt up to three other persons.
  - (c) Until the 1979 session of Synod the members of the committee shall be:-
    - The Venerable C.D. Sheumack
    - The Registrar, Miss L. Doble
    - The Venerable C. Beatty
    - Miss Norma Young
    - Mr B. Phillips
    - Mr G. Purdey
    - Mr J. Hewlett
  - (d) At the 1979 session of Synod one clerical and two lay members shall be elected for a period of two years and one clerical and two lay members shall be elected for a period of one year. Thereafter one clerical and two lay members shall be elected each year.
  - (e) Casual vacancies among the elected members shall be filled by the Council of the Diocese.
4. (a) On or before the 31st day of October in each year each parish and parochial district shall submit to the committee in writing details of stipend, travelling and other proper contributions and allowances together with details of all giving units, income, proposed expenditure, capital responsibilities, and any matters which are considered by the parish or parochial district to be relevant to the committee's determination insofar as the same may affect the parish or parochial district and such submissions shall be considered by the committee.
- (b) On or before the 30th day of November in each year the committee shall consider all the relevant financial affairs of each parish and parochial district presently available and known to the committee and shall then determine the amount to be paid to the Fund by each parish and parochial district for the next year.
  - (c) In reaching a determination pursuant to paragraph (b) hereof the committee shall provide sufficient amounts to allow for the payment of all stipends, travelling and other proper allowances payable during the following year to stipendiary clergy employed within the Diocese.

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<sup>2</sup> As amended June 1997

- (d) In the event of a parish or parochial district becoming vacant during the course of a year the committee may make such variation to its determination as it considers to be proper.
5. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Act shall not apply to any clergyman engaged solely upon Diocesan duties.
  6. The Committee shall -
    - (a) Enquire into, report and recommend to Synod the minimum stipend to be paid to Minsters-in-Charge of parishes and suitable stipends to be paid to other Clerks licensed by the Bishop; and
    - (b) Enquire into and report to Synod on such other kindred matters as may –
      - (i) be referred to the Committee by Synod or the Council of the Diocese; or
      - (ii) appear to the Committee to warrant consideration by Synod.
  7. Resolutions of Synod following reports of the Committee made pursuant to sub-section (a) of section 6 shall be communicated to parishes by the Registrar of the Diocese for the information of Parish Councils and Vestries when fixing stipends in accordance with the Parish Administration Act 1980 and amendments thereto.
  8. A quorum for any meeting of the Committee shall be one clerical member and two lay members.
  9. Between meetings of the committee the management of the Fund shall be carried out by the Registrar.

*(As amended June 1997)*
  10. The Committee shall keep full and accurate records of all transactions relating to the Fund and shall submit to each session of Synod an audited statement in respect of its management thereof.