

SYDNEY DIOCESAN RESEARCH BOARD ORDINANCE 1974

No. 37, 1974

AN ORDINANCE to constitute the Sydney Diocesan Research Board and for purposes incidental thereto.

WHEREAS in the report entitled "Looking into the Parish" received by Synod in 1972 it was recommended that a Planning and Research Board be established AND WHEREAS in October 1973 Synod passed a resolution appointing a committee to perform the functions of the said Board for one year and to prepare a constituting ordinance AND WHEREAS the said committee was appointed by the Standing Committee on 29 October 1973 NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:

1. There shall be a Board known as the "Sydney Diocesan Research Board" (hereinafter called "the Board").

2. The objects of the Board shall be to keep the Standing Committee informed of:

- (a) actions and proposed actions of Commonwealth, State and Local Governments, and other bodies which will or may affect the Church's ministry in the Diocese;
- (b) developments and trends in matters particularly technology, social patterns, demography and town planning, which will or may affect the Church's ministry in the Diocese;
- (c) the consequences which such actions, proposed actions, developments and trends may have;

and to carry out investigations and make reports at the request of Synod, Standing Committee or other diocesan organisations or authorities.

3. The Board shall comprise:

- (a) the Archbishop as President,
- (b) two clergymen appointed by Standing Committee,
- (c) two lay persons appointed by Standing Committee, and
- (d) three persons appointed by Standing Committee.

4. The members of the Board to be appointed by Standing Committee shall be appointed before the 31st of December in the year in which the first ordinary session of each Synod is held and shall hold office until the succeeding appointments are made in accordance with this clause or until the Standing Committee by resolution declares a vacancy to exist. Casual vacancies shall be filled as provided for in the Casual Vacancies Ordinance 1935 as amended.

5. The first appointments to the Board shall be made by Standing Committee prior to December 31st, 1974.

6. (1) The Board shall at its first meeting after this Ordinance is assented to and thereafter at its first meeting in each year, appoint one of its members to act as Chairman at all meetings during the ensuing year. In the absence of the person appointed as Chairman the members present may at any meeting appoint one of such members to act as Chairman at that meeting. The Chairman or acting Chairman of the meeting shall have a deliberative vote and may exercise a casting vote.

(2) Four members of the Board shall form a quorum.

(3) Subject to this Clause and to any other provision contained herein the members of the Board shall meet at such times and in such places and conduct the business of the Board in such manner as the said members consider appropriate.

(4) The Board may from time to time and at least annually appoint members to such offices as it may by resolution decide.

7. The Board shall have all powers necessary for the fulfilment of the objects in clause 2 hereof and without limiting the generality thereof shall have power to do all or any of the following:

- (a) open and operate bank accounts;
- (b) employ full or part-time staff;
- (c) engage professional services;
- (d) charge fees for services rendered by the Board;
- (e) receive and disburse moneys including gifts and fees charged for services rendered;
- (f) appoint special committees answerable to the Board which may include persons other than Board members; and
- (g) co-operate with other organisations both Church and secular.

8. The Board shall furnish annually to Synod through the Standing Committee a report which shall include a set of audited accounts. The Standing Committee may require a report on any activity of the Board at any time and such report shall be furnished so far as possible within one month.

9. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Sydney Diocesan Research Board Ordinance 1974".

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 Tenth day of October, 1974

W.G.S. Gotley
R.J. Bomford
Secretaries of Synod

I ASSENT to this Ordinance.

M.L. Loane
Archbishop of Sydney

10/10/1974.