

Women's Work in the Church Amendment Ordinance 1978

No. 36, 1978

AN ORDINANCE to amend the provisions of the Women's Work in the Church Ordinance 1922 to enable laywomen to be authorised to address congregations upon subjects related to certain matters and to validate certain regulations purporting to have been made under the terms of such Ordinance.

WHEREAS the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney has passed the Women's Work in the Church Ordinance 1922 (herein referred to as the "Principal Ordinance") AND WHEREAS it is considered desirable that an amendment should be made to the Principal Ordinance so as to enable a laywoman nominated by a board, council, committee or organisation responsible for non-parochial ministry in the Diocese or ministry outside the Diocese to be authorised to address a congregation or congregations upon a subject related to the work of that board, council, committee or other organisation AND WHEREAS the Archbishop-in-Council purported to make certain regulations on the 29th day of September 1975 which were stated to be pursuant to such Ordinance AND WHEREAS doubts have arisen about the validity of those regulations or some of them AND WHEREAS it is desirable to remove those doubts and to validate those regulations NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the "Women's Work in the Church Amendment Ordinance 1978".

(2) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance may be cited as the "Women's Work in the Church Ordinance 1922-1978" and in any reprint of that Ordinance clause 6 shall be amended accordingly.

2. The Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from clause 1 the matter "23 years" and by inserting instead the matter "21 years".

3. The Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting after clause 3 thereof the following clause:—

"3A. The Archbishop may issue an authority to a laywoman nominated by a board, council, committee or other organisation responsible for non-parochial ministry within the Diocese or ministry outside the Diocese to address a congregation or congregations upon a subject related to the work of that board, council, committee or other organisation."

4. The regulations purporting to have been made under the Women's Work in the Church Ordinance 1922 by the Archbishop-in-Council on 29th September 1975 are hereby validated and shall be deemed always to have been valid.

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

N. M. CAMERON,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

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We certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney this ninth day of October 1978.

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

I assent to this Ordinance.

M. L. LOANE,
Archbishop of Sydney.

9/10/1978.