

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA - DIOCESE OF TASMANIA**

**MINISTRY FUND ORDINANCE 1998**

An Ordinance to establish a Ministry Fund for the Diocese of Tasmania.

BE IT ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Tasmania assembled as follows:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Ministry Fund Ordinance 1998.
2. The Ministry Fund Ordinance 1994 is hereby repealed.
3. In the interpretation of this Ordinance unless the context otherwise indicates -  
  
"Committee" means the Finance and Administration Committee of Diocesan Council or such other committee appointed by the Council.  
  
"Fund" means the "Ministry Fund" of the Diocese of Tasmania as provided for in this Ordinance.  
  
"Parish" means a parish, parochial district or other declared ministry area in the Diocese of Tasmania.
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  - (1) There shall be a fund to be known as the Ministry Fund.
  - (2) Every parish shall participate in the Ministry Fund.
  - (3) There shall be paid into the Fund such amounts as are hereinafter provided.
  - (4) There shall be paid from the Fund:
    - (a) all stipends, travelling allowances, superannuation, and proper contributions and allowances of all stipendiary clergy and lay ministers appointed within the Diocese;
    - (b) such contributions for superannuation in respect of clergy on leave of absence from the Diocese as the Diocesan Council may from time to time direct; and
    - (c) such salaries, travelling allowances, superannuation and proper contributions and allowances of any employee of a parish which the Diocesan Council has approved on application by a parish to participate in the Fund.
  - (5) The Ministry Fund shall act only as a clearing house and the operation of the Fund in no wise imports any obligation on the Fund to make payments over and above amounts received from parishes or other bodies having the responsibility of meeting stipend or salary payments.
  - (6) The Ministry Fund shall not be deemed the employer of any person in receipt of a stipend, travel allowance, superannuation or other benefit paid from the Fund.

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5. Notwithstanding anything herein before contained the provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any members of the clergy employed by incorporated bodies or other legal entities established separately from the Diocese of Tasmania and the Trustees of the Diocese of Tasmania.
6. The Diocesan Council shall cause full and accurate records of all transactions relating to the Fund to be kept and shall submit to each session of Synod an audited statement of the transactions of the Fund for the preceding Fund Year.

### *Regulations*

7. Subject to disallowance by resolution of Synod, the Diocesan Council may make regulations for and with respect to:
  - (1) meeting of the Committee and the conduct and carrying out of its business;
  - (2) the method by which parishes shall pay the determined contributions to the Fund;
  - (3) the method by which payments to the clergy and any lay participants of the Fund shall be made;
  - (4) any fee to be paid for the administration and management of the Fund; and
  - (5) generally, prescribing all such matters and things as are authorised or required to be prescribed or as are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying into effect the purpose of this Ordinance.
8. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall derogate the rights and privileges of the Bishop of the Diocese.

### REGULATIONS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE DEEMED TO BE REGULATIONS MADE BY THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL

1. The determined stipend and allowances for a participant in the Fund shall be paid by the parish in twelve equal instalments either by monthly bank order on the 10th day of each month or by such other manner so that the instalment is received in full at the Diocesan Office no later than the 10th day of each month.
2. Payments by the Fund of stipends and other provisions for ministry related expenses shall be made fortnightly by bank order.
3. Parishes shall once in each year review the stipend, allowances and provisions for clergy, lay ministers and employees of the parish.