

THE ASSISTANT BISHOP ORDINANCE 2008

AN ORDINANCE with respect to the office of Assistant Bishop.

THE SYNOD HEREBY DETERMINES:

Title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the “Assistant Bishop Ordinance 2008”.

Definitions

2. In this Ordinance:

“Assistant Bishop” includes coadjutor bishop or other bishop assistant to the bishop of the diocese;

“Bishop” means the bishop of the diocese for the time being;

“canonical fitness” has the same meaning as that expression has from time to time in the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia.

For the purpose of this Ordinance -

“Bishop Nomination Committee” means the Bishop Nomination Committee referred to in the Election of a Bishop Ordinance 2002;

“Consultation” means a consultation conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Office of Assistant Bishop

3. The Synod hereby creates the Office of Assistant Bishop and may by resolution create more than one such office.

Appointment

4. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, the Bishop may appoint a person to the office of Assistant Bishop.

Consultation

5. (1) The Bishop must undertake a consultation process before making an appointment to the office of Assistant Bishop.
- (2) The consultation shall be between the Bishop and Diocesan Council, or such larger body as the Bishop, after considering the matter with Diocesan Council, shall determine.

Times for Consultation

6. There shall be a consultation —
 - (a) as soon as practicable after the announcement of the resignation of or termination of the period of office of an Assistant Bishop, whichever first occurs;
 - (b) at such other times as the Bishop shall determine.

Matters to be considered

7. The matters to be considered at the consultation shall include:
 - (a) the leadership and ministry requirements of the Diocese;
 - (b) the priorities for providing for such requirements in the light of the available financial resources of the Diocese;
 - (c) whether those priorities will best be met by the appointment of an Assistant Bishop or in some other way;
 - (d) the terms, duties and stipend applicable to the office;
 - (e) any other matters or conditions applicable to the appointment.

Concurrence of Diocesan Council and the Primate

8. (1) A person must not be appointed Assistant Bishop without the concurrence of the Diocesan Council.
- (2) The Bishop must notify the Primate of the intention to make an appointment and of the name of the person proposed to be appointed as Assistant Bishop.

Confirmation as to Canonical Fitness

9. A priest appointed to the office of an Assistant Bishop must not be consecrated unless the priest's appointment has, as to canonical fitness, been confirmed by the Primate and one or more Metropolitans.

Licences

10. The licence of an Assistant Bishop may be limited as to duration, area or function and, subject to any term fixed on appointment, may from time to time be withdrawn, revoked or varied at the discretion of the Bishop.

Duties of Assistant Bishop

11. An Assistant Bishop, licensed by the Bishop, shall undertake such work and perform such Episcopal acts as may be required or permitted by the Bishop.

Relationship to the See

12. (1) An Assistant Bishop shall continue in office notwithstanding a vacancy in the See.

(2) No Assistant Bishop shall be appointed with the right of succession to the See.

Transitional Provision

13. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance any person holding the office of Assistant Bishop at the time when this Ordinance takes effect shall continue in office in accordance with and subject to the terms of their original appointment.

Previous Determination

14. Nothing in this Ordinance shall revive the operation of Determination II of the Session of 1896 of the General Synod of the Dioceses of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania which determination continues to have no operation in the Diocese of Adelaide.

Repeal

15. (1) The Assistant Bishop Ordinance 2002 is hereby repealed.

(2) The Assistant Bishops' Canon 1966 (previously adopted by Synod on 5th September 1967) is hereby excluded.

Assistant Bishop Ordinance 2002 Passed 26th May 2002

25 October 2008 Repealed the Assistant Bishop Ordinance 2002, The Assistant Bishops' Canon, 1966 excluded.

Assistant Bishop Ordinance 2008 passed 25 October 2008.