

DIOCESAN COUNCIL (ARCHDEACONS RESPONSIBILITIES) ORDINANCE 2014

Explanatory Memorandum

The Diocesan Council Ordinance 1929 provides that the Archdeacons of the Diocese are members of the Diocesan Council.

The Bishop has indicated his desire to appoint regional leaders and that they should have recognition in the life of the Diocese as archdeacons but the Bishop does not wish it to be part of the responsibility of every archdeacon to be a member of the Diocesan Council.

This Ordinance allows for the Bishop to nominate three archdeacons to be members of the Diocesan Council. It further allows that a person who has been elected to DC who becomes an archdeacon to remain and for a person who has been made an archdeacon to stand for election if not appointed by the Bishop.

The Ordinance has a sunset clause. It is the intention that DC will review the entire ordinance and present it to Synod for consideration. In the event that no other action is taken this Ordinance lapses just after the ending of the 51st Synod unless otherwise renewed.

The Bill

Be it ordained by the Diocesan Council in accordance with the Synod (Delegation of Powers) Ordinance 2009 as follows -

1. This Ordinance shall be known as the Diocesan Council (Archdeacons Responsibilities) Ordinance 2014.
2. The Diocesan Council Ordinance 1929 is amended by
 - a. By the deletion in section 5 of the words “the Archdeacons” and the insertion in their place of the words “three Archdeacons appointed to the Council by the Bishop”; and
 - b. The insertion of a new sub-section 6(d) to read
 - (I) The appointment of an Archdeacon to the Council shall be at the pleasure of the Bishop.
 - (II) The conclusion of the appointment of an Archdeacon to the Council shall be at the pleasure of the Bishop. The Bishop is not required to show cause or indicate reasons for such conclusion.
 - (III) The Bishop shall advise all changes of appointment in writing to the Archdeacon and the Council.
 - c. The inclusion of a section 6(e) to read
 - (I) a person who is an Archdeacon may stand for election to the Council; and
 - (II) a person who is a member of the Council who is appointed as an Archdeacon is not required to resign from the Council.
3. This Ordinance shall cease to have effect on 31st October 2016 or on such other date determined by the Diocesan Council with the assent of the Bishop.

Passed by the Diocesan Council on the 25th day of September, 2014



**John Cleary
Secretary**

The Assent of the Bishop of the Diocese was given to the Ordinance on the 25th day of September, 2014 in the 8th year of our Consecration and in the 1st year of our Translation to this See.



**The Right Reverend Gregory Thompson
President**