

CLERICAL MINISTRY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE (BISHOP ELECTION PROCEDURES) 2018

THE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SYNOD AS FOLLOWS:

Short Title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Clerical Ministry Ordinance Amendment Ordinance (Bishop Election Procedures) 2018.

Amendments to the Procedures for Nominating and Electing a Bishop

2. The Clerical Ministry Ordinance 2009 is amended as follows
 - a. The words "Diocesan Business Manager" are replaced with the words "Diocesan Chief Executive" wherever occurring.
 - b. In clause 33(b) the replacement of all the words with the words "specifies in a letter of resignation to the Dean which the Dean shall then communicate to the Metropolitan and the Diocesan Chief Executive"
 - c. In clause 35, the insertion of a definition of "Administrator" with the words "Administrator means the Administrator if the See is vacant, but where the See is not vacant it means the person appointed to administer the Diocese in the event of a vacancy in the See. If no person has been appointed it shall mean the most senior member of clergy in active ministry in the Diocese in order of precedence."
 - d. In clause 43, the deletion of the words "This initial meeting shall include the reserves as observers of the Board."
 - e. In clause 47, the insertion of the words "Where the Administrator is not a member of the Board, the Chair of the Board shall report progress to the Administrator on a fortnightly basis."
 - f. In clause 52,
 - i. the deletion of the words "with the concurrence of the Administrator or a person appointed by the Administrator:", and
 - ii. In sub-clause (a) the insertion at the end of the clause of the words "provided that the timing of the consultations shall be agreed by the Bishop if the See is not vacant, or the Administrator or a person appointed by the Administrator"
 - g. The repeal of clause 53.
 - h. In clause 54,
 - i. the deletion of the words "with the concurrence of the Administrator or a person appointed by the Administrator";
 - ii. In sub-clause (a) the insertion at the end of the clause the words "in consultation with the President of the Synod";
 - iii. In sub-clause (g) the replacement of the words "no less than two and no more than" with the words "up to" in their place;
 - i. In clause 58, the replacement of the words "three months" with the words "six (6) months "

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- j. In clause 64,
 - i. the deletion of the words “the Administrator and to”;
 - ii. the insertion of a new sub-clause (b) to read “The Diocesan Chief Executive shall advise the Administrator that the requirements of clause 64 (a) have been fulfilled.”
- k. The insertion of a new clause 64A to read, “When the Chair of the Board has received the list of nominees as referred to in Section 64 the Chair shall convene a meeting within seven days and table that list at the meeting of the Board when convened.”
- l. In clause 73, the replacement of all words with the words,
The President of the Election Synod shall be the Administrator unless the Administrator is a nominee. Where the Administrator is a nominee, or otherwise unable to preside, the President of the Synod shall be
 - (a) the Commissary to the Administrator;
 - (b) Where no Commissary to the Administrator has been appointed or the Commissary to the Administrator is also a nominee or the Commissary to the Administrator is otherwise unable to preside, then the President of the Synod shall be determined by the Diocesan Council at a special meeting chaired by the Chancellor.
- m. In clause 77, the replacement of all of the words with the words, “The business of the Election Synod shall be strictly confidential.”
- n. In clause 85 (e), the replacement of the words “three or four” with the word “four”.
- o. In clause 91 (d)(i), the replacement of the word “Administrator” with the words “the President of the Synod”.
- p. In clause 93 the words “commissioned and installed” wherever occurring are replaced with the words “placed into the Episcopal Seat of the Bishop of Newcastle”.

Consequential Amendments

- 3. In clause 95, the replacement of the words “the person next most senior in ecclesiastical rank in the Diocese (as defined by section 73)” with the words “the Chancellor”.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

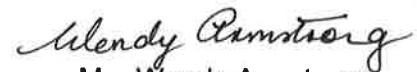


**Mr Geoffrey Spring
Chair of Committees**

Passed by Synod on 26 October 2018.



**The Reverend Scott Dulley
Clerical Secretary of Synod**



**Mrs Wendy Armstrong
Lay Secretary of Synod**

THE ASSENT of Peter Derrick James Stuart, Bishop of the Diocese was given to the above Ordinance on 26 October 2018 in the Tenth year of our Consecration.



PRESIDENT