

# Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2019

No 47, 2019

## Long Title

An Ordinance to make a change to the membership of the Synod to include some heads of Diocesan Schools and to amend the Declaration by members to include a Statement of Faith to bring it into conformity with declarations by members of the Governing Boards or Councils of Diocesan Organisations.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

### 1. Name

This Ordinance is the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2019*.

### 2. Amendment of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

The *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* is amended as follows –

- (a) Amend the ordinance as follows –
  - (i) in subclause 8A(1), omit the words “an Associate Minister licensed to the same Parochial Unit”, and insert instead the words, “A minister holding a licence from the Archbishop”,
  - (ii) in subclause 8A(2)(b), omit the words “Associate Minister”, and insert instead the word “alternate”,
  - (iii) in subclause 8B(1), omit the words “an Associate Minister”, and insert instead the words “an alternate”,
  - (iv) in clause 8C, omit the words “The appointment of an Associate Minister as the alternate for”, and insert instead “The appointment of an alternate for”,
  - (v) in paragraph 8C(b), omit the words “an Associate Minister licensed to the Parochial Unit to which the person was licensed at the time the appointment was made”, and insert instead “licensed by the Archbishop”, and
  - (vi) In the Dictionary, insert before the final full stop in the definition of “Parochial Minister” the following matter “, including an acting rector appointed to a parish during a vacancy in the position of Parochial Minister”,
- (b) In each of subclauses 8A(2), 8A(3), 22A(2) and 22A(3), omit the matter “14 days” and insert instead, “7 days, or such lesser period as the Registrar may determine”,
- (c) renumber the text of clause 18 as subclause 18(2) and insert a new subclause 18(1) as follows –

‘(1) A Parochial Representative continues to be a member of the Synod until the day before the first day of the first ordinary session of the next Synod.’,
- (d) in clause 32(2)
  - (i) after the phrase “which is equal to 10%”, insert the matter (rounded to the nearest whole number).”, and
  - (ii) replace the second instance of the word “ Ministers” with the word “Units.”,
- (e) after clause 42, insert the following new clause –

**‘42A. Heads of Diocesan Schools**

If the Nominated Laypersons pursuant to clause 41 is greater than 15, the persons elected by Standing Committee under clause 42 must include three (and not more than three) heads of Diocesan Schools, and no more than two may come from schools located in one Diocesan region. In determining candidates, the Standing Committee must consider any names that have been recommended by heads of the Diocesan Schools in consultation with the Archbishop.’, and
- (f) renumber the text of clause 46 as subclause 46(2) and insert a new subclause 46(1) as follows –

‘(1) A Nominated Layperson continues to be a member of the Synod until the day before the first day of the first ordinary session of the next Synod.’,
- (g) insert the following new definition in the Dictionary –

“Diocesan School” means any school that is constituted by or under an ordinance of the Synod of the Diocese or in relation to which the Synod is empowered to make ordinances, and includes schools of the Anglican Schools Corporation.’, and

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(h) insert the following new definition in the Dictionary –

“Indigenous person’ means –

- (a) being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, and
- (b) identifying as an Aboriginal Person or Torres Strait Islander, and
- (c) being accepted as such by the community in which you live or formerly lived.”

### **3. Commencement**

The amendments in clause 2 of this Ordinance will commence on 1 January 2020.

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

R TONG  
Chair of Committees

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 22 October 2019.

D GLYNN  
Secretary of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance

G DAVIES  
Archbishop of Sydney

24/10/2019