

THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL ORDINANCE 2001

An Ordinance to Provide for the appointment and regulation of the affairs of the Diocesan Council

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the appointment of a Diocesan Council of the Diocese and to regulate the affairs thereof **NOW** in pursuance of Chapter III of the Constitution **THE SYNOD HEREBY DETERMINES :**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Diocesan Council Ordinance 2001". *Title*

2. (1) The Diocesan Council comprises the following members: *Composition*
 - (a) The Bishop ex officio;
 - (b) The Vicar General ex officio;
 - (c) The Archdeacon or Archdeacons each ex officio;
 - (d) The Dean ex officio;
 - (e) The Chancellor ex officio;
 - (f) Five Clergymen and five Lay Members of Synod elected by Synod; and
 - (g) Four other persons appointed by the Bishop who shall be members of this Diocese and who, by virtue of the provisions of section 6 subsection (f) of the constitution, shall also become members of Synod.Amended 2003

3. (1) At the first session of each triennial Synod the persons referred to in subparagraph (f) of Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be elected by ballot and shall hold office until their successors be appointed. *Election, appointment of members*

- (2) Within fourteen days of the first day of the first session of each triennial Synod the Bishop shall appoint the persons referred to in subparagraph (g) of Section 2 of this Ordinance and such persons shall hold office until their successors be appointed.

- (3) Any person appointed to the Diocesan Council pursuant to sub section (g) of Section 2 of this ordinance shall hold office for such period as the Bishop may determine or until the close of the first session of the triennial Synod next following his appointment, whichever first shall happen.

4. Where a member of the Diocesan Council: *Disqualification*
 - (a) was elected pursuant to sub paragraph (f) of Section 2 of this ordinance, and either ceases for any reason to be a member of the Synod, or absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Diocesan Council without leave of absence;

(b) was appointed pursuant to sub paragraph (g) of section 2 of this ordinance and absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Diocesan Council without leave of absence; or

(c) is a member ex officio pursuant to sub paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) of section 2, and ceases to hold office by virtue of which he became, and is, a member:

he thereupon ceases to be a member of the Diocesan Council, and the vacancy thus created shall be filled pursuant to Section 5 of this ordinance.

5. Casual vacancies in the Diocesan Council shall be filled:

Casual Vacancies

(a) where the vacancy occurs in the membership of a person appointed by the Bishop pursuant to sub paragraph (g) of Section 2 - by the Bishop;

(b) where the vacancy occurs in the membership of a Clergyman or Lay Member of Synod elected by the Synod pursuant to subparagraph (f) of Section 2 - by the Diocesan Council; and

(c) where the vacancy occurs because an ex officio member ceases for any reason to hold his office - by the filling of that office.

6. (1) The Diocesan Council shall meet not less than four times during each calendar year and at such times and places as the Bishop or, in his absence, the Vicar General, shall determine.

Meetings, quorum and secretary

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(2) The Bishop or, in his absence, the Vicar General, or in his absence the senior Archdeacon present, or if there be none present, a person elected by the meeting shall preside at every meeting of the Diocesan Council.

(3) Nine members of the Diocesan Council shall form a quorum.

(4) The Registrar of the Diocese shall be the Secretary of the Diocesan Council.

7. The Diocesan Council shall keep proper records of its proceedings and shall furnish to the Synod an annual report of its activities and such other reports as the Synod may from time to time require, together with a full annual account of the income and expenditure of all funds under the control and management of the Synod.

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