

HOME MISSION AND MINISTRY TRAINING FUND ORDINANCE 2022

A measure for an Ordinance to provide for the Funding of and Expenditure for Home Mission and Ministry Training in the Diocese

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide an Ordinance for the operation of the Home Mission and Ministry Training Fund **THE SYNOD HEREBY DETERMINES**

Title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Home Mission and Ministry Training Fund Ordinance 2022.

Commencement

2. The Home Mission and Ministry Training Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) shall consist of the Capital and accrued interest held by the Diocese that was allocated to the Home Mission Fund and Ministry Training Fund at the commencement of this Ordinance.

Sources

3. The Fund may receive income from the Synod as follows:
 - 3.1 Diocesan Council shall annually at the time of the preparation of the Budget set an amount to be raised from the Parishes for Mission and Training to be called "the Contribution"
 - 3.2 The Contribution will be apportioned among the Parishes based on the ratio of each Parish's Annual Income to the whole of the Annual Income of all Parishes based on the last determined Annual Assessment Return.
 - 3.3 The amount apportioned for each parish under section 3.2 shall be the Contribution Target Amount (hereinafter called "the Target")
 - 3.4 Any Parish, which shall in any year have paid less than the amount of the Target set for it under Section 3.3 in respect of the Contribution shall nevertheless be deemed to have complied with the provisions of this Ordinance provided that a minimum of \$500 is paid, or \$200 in the case of a Parochial District, towards the Target.
 - 3.5 As part of the process of raising the Contribution in the Parishes there shall be three voluntary collections during the months of March, June and September
 - 3.6 Diocesan Council may regulate the voluntary collections as it sees fit and may provide information on the Contribution to raise consciousness or to further the goals of the Fund.
 - 3.7 Parish Treasurers shall remit moneys raised from these collections to the Diocese with their monthly returns and the amount received shall be credited against the Target set under section 3.3 of this Ordinance
4. The Fund may also receive income from donations, special collections, bequests or from any other source.

Grants

5. The Fund shall continue for the furthering of the work of The Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of The Murray by making grants for
 - 5.1 Paying the whole or part of the stipend, travelling, removal or other like expenses of members of clergy, catechists, and pastoral workers.
 - 5.2 The training for ordained ministry in the Diocese.
 - (a) By funding the whole or part of the cost of courses or other formation as required by the Bishop for Candidates for Holy Orders.
 - (b) By providing grants for books, travel, accommodation, living costs or other costs associated with requirements of the Bishop for the formation of a Candidate for Holy Orders; and
 - (c) By funding the whole or part of the stipend and allowances from the time of ordination to the Diaconate for a period of no more than two years.
 - 5.3 Providing a grant for those candidates who are participants in a preselection discernment process with no more than 12 monthly payments.
 - 5.4 Funding the whole or part of courses and materials as required by the Bishop for the training of people for Lay ministry.
 - 5.5 Such other purposes as Diocesan Council may from time to time determine.

Conditions

6. Grants from the Fund shall only be made on the advice of the Bishop and with the consent of Diocesan Council.
 - 6.1 Grants provided under Sections 5.1 and 5.5 may be unconditional or may be made with any condition the Bishop deems appropriate including a requirement that the grant be repaid.
 - 6.2 Grants provided under Section 5.2 to individuals may be initiated by The Candidate who must apply in writing to the Registrar.
 - (a) A Candidate for Holy Orders receiving funding or grants under section 5.2 shall be required to sign a Deed of Agreement in the form of the Deed listed in Schedule A that:
 - i. The Candidate will serve in the Diocese of The Murray for a period of not less than three years from the date of initial licensing as a Deacon or Priest in the Diocese; and
 - ii. In the event of withdrawal from training and formation by the Candidate the Candidate shall repay all grants or funding made by the Diocese, at the discretion of Diocesan Council; and
 - iii. In the event of leaving the Diocese of The Murray within the three year period from the date of initial licensing as a Deacon or Priest in the Diocese, an ordained Candidate shall repay all grants or funding made by the Diocese, at the discretion of Diocesan Council.

- 6.3 Grants provided under Section 5.3 may be initiated by the Candidate who must apply in writing.
- (a) The Candidate must have a valid Work Agreement and Training Plan.
 - (b) These grants expire upon either the Candidate withdrawing from the process or the completion of the discernment process. The amount provided shall be paid monthly.
 - (c) A Candidate receiving funding or grants under section 5.3 shall be required to sign a Deed of Agreement in the form of the Deed listed in Schedule A that:
 - i. The Candidate, if selected, will serve in the Diocese of The Murray for a period of not less than three years from the date of initial licensing as a Deacon or Priest in the Diocese; and
 - ii. In the event of withdrawal from training and formation by the Candidate the Candidate shall repay all grants or funding made by the Diocese, at the discretion of Diocesan Council; and
 - iii. In the event of leaving the Diocese of The Murray within the three year period from the date of initial licensing as a Deacon or Priest in the Diocese, an ordained Candidate shall repay all grants or funding made by the Diocese, at the discretion of Diocesan Council.

Promotion

7. All recipients of Grants are to promote the benefits of the Fund to Parishes in the Diocese.

Regulations

8. Diocesan Council may from time to time make regulations for the execution of this Ordinance and may exercise discretion in the amounts required from Parishes to provide for the good governance of this Ordinance.

Disclaimers

9. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to restrict the Bishop's discretion when choosing Candidates for Holy Orders nor shall the receipt of moneys from the Fund imply that the Bishop has approved the ordination of a Candidate.
10. Nothing in this Ordinance implies the requirement or obligation on the part of the Diocese of The Murray or the Bishop of The Murray, either to ordain a Candidate, or to provide a position of office or employment to the Candidate following ordination to the Diaconate or Priesthood, provided however:
- (a) that if a Candidate is required to leave the Diocese of The Murray because there is no post available in the Diocese, or
 - (b) the Bishop withdraws the Candidate from training and formation,
- the Candidate shall not be required to repay the grants or funding made by the Diocese.

Definitions

11. In this Ordinance

“Annual Income” means the whole of the moneys raised by or contributed or payable to a Parish or to any Faith Community forming part of such Parish from whatever source and for whatever purpose.

“Parish” shall be as defined in the Parochial Administration Ordinance 2021.

“Lay Ministry” means a man or woman being trained for lay ministry

“Candidate for Holy Orders” or “Ordination Candidate” means a person who has been accepted by the Bishop as suitable for training and formation for ordination as a deacon and/or priest; and

“Ordained ministry” means ministry as a deacon or priest.

“The Bishop” is the Bishop of The Murray

Repeal

12. The Home Missions Contribution And Collections Ordinance 2001 is hereby repealed but such repeal shall not affect any act, deed or thing lawfully done under the Home Missions Contribution And Collections Ordinance 2001 prior to the passing of this Ordinance.
13. The Home Mission Fund Ordinance 2001 is hereby repealed but such repeal shall not affect any act, deed or thing lawfully done under the Home Mission Fund Ordinance 2001 prior to the passing of this Ordinance.
14. The Ministry Training Fund Regulation 2015 ceases to operate from the date of passing of this Ordinance.

SCHEDULE A
DEED OF AGREEMENT

I (Candidate)

..... "the Candidate"
(name in full)

And

The Synod of the Diocese of The Murray "the Diocese"

Whereas the Candidate has applied for training and formation for Ordination within the Diocese.

And Whereas the Candidate has a valid Work Agreement and Training Plan.

And Whereas the Bishop of the Diocese has/has not yet* so accepted the Candidate. **delete inapplicable*

And Whereas the Diocese has provided or will provide funding or grants to assist the Candidate in preparation for Holy Orders

And Whereas the funding or grants are to be provided on certain terms and conditions set out herein.

NOW THIS DEED OF AGREEMENT WITNESSES as follows: -

1. In the event of the Candidate withdrawing from training and formation the Candidate shall repay the funding or grants if required by the Diocese.
2. In the event of the Bishop of the Diocese withdrawing the Candidate from training and formation the Candidate shall not be required to repay the funding or grants referred to herein.
3. The Candidate, if selected, will serve in the Diocese of The Murray for a period of not less than three years from the date of initial licensing as a Deacon or Priest in the Diocese.
4. In the event that the Candidate leaves the Diocese within this three year period the Candidate shall repay the funding or grants if required by the Diocese.
5. In the event that there is no office or employment available in the Diocese to the Candidate following the admission to the Diaconate or Priesthood, the Candidate shall not be required to repay the funding or grants referred to herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

SIGNED by the).....Date.....

CANDIDATE)

in the presence of)

SEALED with the Seal of the Synod of the) Date.....
Diocese of The Murray of the Anglican Church of

Australia Incorporated by us (the undersigned)
being persons duly authorised to use the said seal

.....) Seal-holder

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