

DIOCESAN COUNCIL REGULATIONS

MINISTRY TRAINING FUND REGULATION 2015

To clarify the operation of the Ministry Training Fund (formerly Ordination Candidate's Fund)

1. In these regulations:

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

“Candidate for Holy Orders” or “Ordination Candidate” means a man 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.

“Director of Formation” is the Clergyman appointed by the Bishop to coordinate the training and formation.

“The Bishop” is the Bishop of The Murray

2. The Ministry Training Fund established by this Council consists of the capital and accrued interest held by the Diocese at the time of the commencement of these Regulations from the former Ordination Candidates Fund and such other sums as shall be added to it from time to time.
3. The Fund receives income through the Home Missions Contribution and Collections Ordinance 2001 and may receive money from any other source.
4. The Fund may be used for
 - (a) Funding of appropriate trainers to provide 4 (b) and 4 (c)
 - (b) The training for ordained ministry in the Diocese.
 - i. By funding the whole or part of the cost of courses or other formation as required by the Bishop for Candidates for Holy Orders;
 - ii. 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
 - iii. 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 three years.
 - (c) The training for Lay ministry in the Diocese by funding the whole or part of courses and materials as required by the Bishop.
 - (d) Reasonable expenses incurred by the Director of Formation.
5.
 - (a) Grants and other funding arrangements shall be made on the recommendation of the Bishop with the agreement of Diocesan Council or its Executive in accordance with these Regulations.
 - (b) Grants provided under 4 (b) to individuals may be initiated by
 - i. The Bishop.
 - ii. The Candidate who must apply in writing.

6. An annual report on the expenditure of the fund may be presented to Diocesan Council at its second meeting in the Calendar Year.
7. A Candidate for Holy Orders receiving funding or grants under section 4 (b) shall be required to sign a Deed of Agreement that:
 - (a) He will serve in the Diocese of The Murray for a period of not less than four years from the date of his initial licensing as a Deacon or Priest in the Diocese; and
 - (b) In the event of withdrawal from training and formation by the candidate himself he shall repay all grants or funding made by the Diocese, at the discretion of Diocesan Council; and
 - (c) In the event of leaving the Diocese of The Murray within the 4 year period from the date of his 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.
8. Nothing in these regulations 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.
9. Nothing in these regulations 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 for him in the Diocese, or
 - (b) the Bishop withdraws him from training and formation,he shall not be required to repay the grants or funding made to him by the Diocese.
10. The following Deed of Agreement shall be made by a Candidate for Holy Orders at the time he begins to receive grants or funding under section 4 (a) of these regulations.

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 offered himself for training and formation for Ordination within the Diocese

And Whereas the Bishop of the Diocese has so accepted the Candidate

And Whereas the Diocese has or will provide funding or grants to assist him in his 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 will serve in the Diocese of The Murray for a period of not less than four years from the date of his initial licensing as a Deacon or Priest in the Diocese.
4. In the event that the Candidate leaves the Diocese within this 4 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 his 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

.....) Seal-holder

.....) Seal-holder